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USC QUICK FACTS

Location–Los Angeles, CA 90089
Founded–1880
Enrollment–47,000 (21,000 undergrad)
Size–235 Acres
President–Dr. Carol L. Folt
Colors–Cardinal and Gold
Nickname–Trojans
Band–Trojan Marching Band (300+ Members)
Fight Song–"Fight On"
Mascot–Traveler IX
First Football Team–1888
USC's All-Time Record–882*-374-54 (69.4%)
Athletic Director–Jen Cohen
Conference–Big Ten
Stadium–Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, United Airlines Field (77,500 capacity, natural grass)
Head Football Coach–Lincoln Riley (Texas Tech, 2006)
Riley's USC Record–26-14
Riley's College Record–81-24 (8 Years)
2023 Record–7-6 (4-5 Big Ten)
Squadmen Returning–73
Squadmen with Starts Returning– 20 (10 offense, 9 defense, 1 specialist)
Squadmen Lost–44
**Not including 14 wins and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty (original record: 896-375-54, 69.7%)*

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SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE DATES:

March 25, 27, 29
April 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26

All practices will be held on campus on Howard Jones Field/Brian Kennedy Field.

Practice times:
Tuesday/Thursday at 2:30 p.m. PT
Saturday at 10:00 a.m. PT

(Schedule subject to change)

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2025 USC SPRING FOOTBALL OUTLOOK

In the late night hours on Dec. 27, 2024, the Trojans danced to the sounds of cheers and Elvis Presley music under a shower of cardinal and gold confetti.

Marking the biggest comeback in USC bowl game history, the Trojans concluded the season with a dramatic 17-point comeback victory defeating Texas A&M 35-31.

"In some ways it was kind of a poetic ending to the season," said USC head coach Lincoln Riley. "I'm incredibly proud of this group. The resiliency that they've shown. I told them there's a toughness and a hardness developing in this program right now. You can look at a lot of different points throughout this season and certainly tonight and you see that. I have a lot of excitement about that. Our motto is 'Fight On!', and this team really embodies that."

With an exclamation point to close out the season (and yes, the Trojans were 2-0 against the SEC in 2024), the USC football team and the Trojan faithful eagerly look ahead to 2025.

And sometimes in the surge forward, one must take a glance back to the past.

The Trojans can look back to the 2002 team for inspiration. While most of the USC roster was not yet born, this iconic Trojan team, led by Carson Palmer and Troy Polamalu, could serve as motivation for the season ahead. USC entered a season coming off a 6-loss campaign. That Trojan squad rebounded by going 11-2, capturing the league title and winning the Orange Bowl.

The 2025 USC team certainly has the elements to put together a similarly successful run.

Now in those 23 years, the college football landscape has changed dramatically. From NIL to the transfer portal, college football has become increasingly more complex than ever before. Riley spent the entire offseason ensuring that the program would be taking the correct steps forward into the new age of college football.

"We're not content with any part of this program being average or even being good. That's not our mentality," Riley said.

The Trojans welcomed Chad Savage as USC's tight ends/inside receivers coach. Savage, one of the nation's top recruiters, most recently served as the wide receivers coach/recruiting coordinator at Colorado State from 2022-24. He was named the Mountain West Recruiter of the Year by 247Sports for three consecutive seasons (2022-24). Savage primarily recruited Southern California and Arizona and was instrumental in signing over 25 players from the Greater Los Angeles area to play at Colorado State. USC made another splashy hire with NFL legend Rob Ryan as the assistant head coach for defense/linebackers coach. With over 35 years of coaching experience and two Super Bowls rings to his name, Ryan is one of the most accomplished defensive coaches in NFL history. He has coached some of the NFL's top players, including numerous Hall of Famers and All-Pro selections, and has been an NFL defensive coordinator for 15 years. Finally, Trovon Reed, most recently serving as the cornerbacks coach at UCF with the reputation of an exceptional recruiter, was named USC's cornerbacks coach. A rising star in the coaching profession, Reed was the only cornerbacks coach in the nation to have two of his players compete in the 2025 Reese's Senior Bowl.

Additionally, USC brought on Chad Bowden to serve as the program's general manager. Bowden, a nationally renowned college football administrator with proven success constructing championship-caliber rosters, was recently named the 2024 FootballScoop Player Personnel Director of the Year for his outstanding roster construction and exceptional utilization of the transfer portal while the general manager for Notre Dame.

USC bolstered its personnel staff with new hires by Bolden as well as promotions from within. This internal reorganization has allowed everyone to utilize their specific roles and skillsets to chase championships together.

"Our coaches are still certainly going to have a big role in evaluating and certainly going to still have a big role in recruiting," said Riley. "But [Bowden's] department is going to spearhead scouting. It's going to have a heavy role in recruiting. It's going to have a heavy role in how we construct our roster. It's going to have a heavy role in our salary cap and how we manage that, how we strategize...there's a lot of synergy but there's also separate responsibilities, and it really is going to be kind of its own department within our program. And we wanted to build a team of people that allows us to operate at a higher level where we can evaluate more players, we can recruit more players efficiently and we can manage the roster. We can take a few things off of the coaches so the coaches can really dive heavily into coaching and developing our team and allow our people in personnel, scouting and recruiting to do their jobs at a high level."

As USC moves into the new era of college football, Riley knows that these moves will propel the Trojans to the top.

"I fully believe when it's all said and done -- and I don't say this lightly -- I think it's going to be the best personnel, off-the-field staff in the country," said Riley.

2025 SCHEDULE

After its first season with new opponents, new travel and new stadiums, USC enters its second season in the Big Ten.

The Trojans will play seven home games in 2025. Troy will welcome league opponents Michigan State, Michigan, Northwestern, Iowa and UCLA to the Coliseum as well as non-conference foes Missouri State and Georgia Southern. USC will visit Purdue, Illinois, Notre Dame, Nebraska and Oregon on the road.

USC will have byes on Oct. 4 and Oct. 25.

The **Missouri State** Bears will visit the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum to open the 2025 football season on Aug. 30, 2025. While Missouri State is currently in its final year in the Missouri Valley Football Conference (FCS), it will officially join Conference USA for the 2025-26 athletic season, thus making it an FBS program. This will be the first time ever that USC has faced Missouri State.

The Trojans then welcome **Georgia Southern** of the Sun Belt Conference to Los Angeles on Sept. 6. The Eagles, who are coached by former USC head coach Clay Helton, are another new opponent for the Trojans.

USC opens Big Ten Conference play on the road at **Purdue** on Sept. 13. The Trojans are 3-1 all-time against the Boilermakers, last facing them in 1998 when USC won 27-17 in the Coliseum. The Trojans then return home to the Coliseum to host **Michigan State** on Sept. 20. USC is tied 4-4 in its series with Michigan State, last falling to the Spartans 16-17 in the 1990 John Hancock Bowl in El Paso, Texas. The Trojans wrap up the month of September by traveling to Champaign, Ill. on Sept. 27 to challenge the Fighting Illini. USC holds an 11-2 record all-time against **Illinois**, last defeating them in the 2008 Rose Bowl 49-17.

After enjoying a bye-week on Oct. 4, USC hosts **Michigan** in the Coliseum on Oct. 11. The Trojans lead 6-5 all-time in their series with the Wolverines, most recently falling to them 24-27 in Ann Arbor, Mich. in 2024. Michigan has not played in the Coliseum since 1957, when the Wolverines defeated the Trojans 16-6. USC then travels to South Bend, Ind. to challenge **Notre Dame** on Oct. 18. The Trojans are 37-52-5 all-time against the Fighting Irish (not including Troy's 2005 victory that was later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 38-52-5). USC will then take its second bye of the season on Oct. 25 to prepare for its final five-game stretch of the regular season.

USC will kick off the month of November with a trip to Lincoln, Neb. to challenge the Cornhuskers on Nov. 1. USC is 5-0-1 against **Nebraska** and is 2-0 versus the Cornhuskers on the road. The Trojans return to Los Angeles to host **Northwestern** on Nov. 8. USC remains undefeated against the Wildcats boasting a 5-0 record, having last faced them in the 1956 Rose Bowl where the Trojans secured a 41-32 victory. Another home game awaits the Trojans as USC welcomes **Iowa** to the Coliseum on Nov. 15. USC is 7-3 all-time against the Hawkeyes, most recently falling to them 24-39 in the 2019 Holiday Bowl. A familiar road trip looms as the Trojans travel north to Eugene, Ore. to take on the reigning Big Ten champions, the **Oregon** Ducks on Nov. 22. USC holds a 38-23-2 all-time lead in its series with Oregon (not including 1 win vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 39-23-2), last falling to the Ducks 27-36 in Autzen Stadium in 2023. USC wraps Big Ten play by challenging crosstown rival **UCLA** on Nov. 29 at the Coliseum. USC leads its series with UCLA, 51-34-7 (not including Troy's 2004 and 2005 victories that were vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 53-34-7).

The 2025 season will conclude with the annual **Big Ten Football Championship Game** on Dec. 6, which will feature the top two teams in the overall conference standings at the end of the regular season, with the winner earning the Big Ten Championship. Tiebreaking procedures will be announced at a later date.

JAYDEN MAIAVA

ROSTER

In all, 73 USC squad men return from 2024 (including 45 who saw action), 18 having started at least once last season. Joining them will be 15 promising true freshmen and 13 highly-regarded transfers who enrolled at USC for the spring semester and will participate in spring practice. Another 8 outstanding newcomers will become Trojans in the fall.

OFFENSE

Lincoln Riley's dynamic and high-powered offense will no doubt continue to pose a threat to opponent defenses. With a variety of weapons at his disposable, expect Riley's brand of creative and heart-stopping plays to be on full display under the lights in the Coliseum.

QUARTERBACKS

The USC quarterback position is unlike any other in the country. The prestige, the fame and the pressure all come with being named QB1 at USC. Additionally, these quarterbacks have the honor of working with the game's best quarterback whisperer, **Lincoln Riley**. Riley has developed 3 of the last 8 Heisman Trophy winners, and in addition to being the only head coach to tutor three Heisman Trophy winning quarterbacks, Riley is the only coach to have 3 quarterbacks selected No. 1 overall in the NFL Draft and has the most No. 1 overall draft selections in the common draft era. Additionally, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach **Luke Huard** has proved himself as an integral part of the development of the Trojan offense, as well as an outstanding recruiter.

Redshirt junior **Jayden Maiava** returns after starting USC's last four games with a 3-1 record as the starter (including defeating crosstown rival UCLA and SEC opponent Texas A&M). Last season, Maiava went 101-of-169 (.598) for 1,201 yards and 11 TDs with 6 INTs. He also rushed for 45 yards on 20 carries with 4 TDs.

The Trojans signed the No. 1 quarterback in the state of California and one of the nation's top prospects in five-star freshman **Husan Longstreet** from Centennial (Calif.) HS. He was rat-

RETURNING STARTERS

OFFENSE (6)
Ja'Kobi Lane, WR
Makai Lemon, WR
Jayden Maiava, QB
Lake McRee, TE
Alani Noa, OL
Elijah Paige, OL

DEFENSE (6)
Anthony Beavers Jr., LB
Eric Gentry, LB
Anthony Lucas, DE
Kamari Ramsey, S
Braylan Shelby, DE
Devan Thompkins, DT

SPECIAL TEAMS (1)
Hank Pepper, SNP

OTHERS WITH CAREER STARTS

Prophet Brown, CB
Jay Fair, WR #
Kameryn Fountain, DE
Sam Huard, QB #
Walker Lyons, TE
DeCarlos Nicholson, CB
Kilian O'Connor, OL
A'Marion Peterson, RB
Tobias Raymond, OL
J'Onre Reed, OL #
Jaden Richardson, WR #
Keeshawn Silver, DT #
Prince Strachan, WR #
DJ Wingfield, OL #

#Starts came at school other than USC

2024 RESULTS

(7-6 overall, 4-5 in Big Ten)

vs. LSU	W, 27-20
Utah State	W, 48-0
at Michigan	L, 24-27
Wisconsin	W, 38-21
at Minnesota	L, 17-24
Penn State	L, 30-33 (OT)
at Maryland	L, 28-29
Rutgers	W, 42-20
at Washington	L, 21-26
Nebraska	W, 28-20
at UCLA	W, 19-13
Notre Dame	L, 35-49
Texas A&M (Las Vegas Bowl)	W, 35-31

2025 SCHEDULE

Aug. 30	Missouri State
Sept. 6	Georgia Southern
Sept. 13	at Purdue*
Sept. 20	Michigan State*
Sept. 27	at Illinois*
Oct. 11	Michigan*
Oct. 18	at Notre Dame
Nov. 1	at Nebraska*
Nov. 8	Northwestern*
Nov. 15	Iowa*
Nov. 22	at Oregon*
Nov. 29	UCLA

*Big Ten Game

MAKAI LEMON

ed as the No. 3 quarterback in the country by On3, No. 4 by 247Sports and ESPN and No. 8 by Rivals, and the No. 13 player in the nation regardless of position. The 2025 Polynesian Bowl All-Star helped Centennial to reach the CIF-SS semifinals. He was named to the MaxPreps 2024 California All-State First Team. Longstreet enrolled "extra early" to join the Trojans for the Las Vegas Bowl in December and was allowed to practice with the team.

From the portal, USC welcomes redshirt senior **Sam Huard**, who has previous stops at Utah, Cal Poly and Washington. Huard, USC offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach Luke Huard's nephew, was one of the nation's top prospects coming out of high school. While Cal Poly's starting quarterback in 2023, he broke numerous program records and worked his way up the statistical leaderboard.

Redshirt junior **Gage Roy**, redshirt sophomore **Dylan Gebbia** and redshirt freshman **Jack Stupin** also return to round out the quarterback room.

Quarterbacks
Dylan Gebbia, R-So.
Sam Huard, R-Sr.
Husan Longstreet, Fr.
Jayden Maiava, R-Jr.
Gage Roy, R-Jr.
Jack Stupin, R-Fr.

WIDE RECEIVERS

With their electric playmaking abilities and flashy moves, the USC wide receivers never fall short of entertaining the Trojan fans. Led by assistant head coach / wide receivers / pass game coordinator **Dennis Simmons**, a multiple Biletnikoff-winning coach, and inside receivers coach **Chad Savage**, an intense recruiter and proven coach, the Trojan wideouts are in good hands.

USC welcomes back junior **Makai Lemon** who should once again prove to be one of the nation's top playmakers. Lemon, an All-Big Ten Third Team selection, was USC's most versatile player of the 2024 season. The 2025 Biletnikoff candidate recorded a team-leading 52 receptions for a team-leading 764 yards (14.7 avg.) and 3 TDs. Lemon also fielded kickoff returns, recording 19 returns for 514 yards (27.1 avg.) with a long of 80 yards. He finished the season ranked No. 6 in the nation in kickoff returns and will be a serious contender for a Paul Hornung Award in 2025. Lemon was also a crucial member of the punt coverage team downing punts for Ray Guy winner, Eddie Czaplicki.

Fellow junior **Ja'Kobi Lane** also returns for the 2025 season. In 2024, Lane was No. 5 in the nation in receiving TDs as he led the Trojans with a whopping 12, just 4 shy of USC single-season record of 16 held by Mike Williams (2002) and Dwayne Jarrett (2005). Lane, a fellow 2025 Biletnikoff candidate, recorded 42 receptions for 525 yards (12.2 avg.) last season.

Senior **Jay Fair** (8 catches for 78 yards [9.75 avg] and 1 TD), redshirt senior **Jaden Richardson** (1 reception for 19 yards [19.0 avg.]) and redshirt senior **Josiah Zamora** (1 KOR for 17 yards [17.0 avg.]) all look to have increased roles next season.

Redshirt seniors **Asante Das** (1 game) and **Donovon Wood** and untested redshirt freshmen **Collin Fasse**, **Xavier Jordan**, **Brady Jung** and **Seth Zamora** also make up the USC wideout unit.

The Trojans welcomed junior transfer **Prince Strachan** from Boise State. In his 2-year career at Boise State (2023-24), Strachan recorded 37 receptions for 578 yards (15.6 avg.) and 3 TDs while appearing in 28 games with 7 starts. He looks to immediately compete for playing time.

Additionally, freshman **Corey Simms** out of Christian Brothers College (Mo.) HS enrolled in January at USC. Simms, a four-star recruit, was rated as the No. 2 player in the state of Missouri by Rivals, No. 4 by 247Sports and No. 6 by On3 and ESPN. He was touted as the No. 19 wide receiver in the country by Rivals, No. 58 by ESPN, No. 80 by On3 and No. 81 by 247Sports. He was 117th on the Rivals 250 List. Simms helped Christian Brothers go 10-2 overall and 4-0 in district play in 2024 and was an All-State selection in 2023.

Wide Receivers
Asante Das, R-Sr.
Jay Fair, Sr.
Collin Fasse, R-Fr.
Xavier Jordan, R-Fr.
Brady Jung, R-Fr.
Ja'Kobi Lane, Jr.
Makai Lemon, Jr.
Corey Nerhus, R-Sr.
Jaden Richardson, R-Sr.

JA'KOBI LANE

Wide Receivers cont.
Corey Simms, Fr.
Prince Strachan, Jr.
Donovan Wood, R-Sr.
Josiah Zamora, R-Sr.
Seth Zamora, R-Fr.

RUNNING BACKS

While USC loses an exceptional playmaker in running back Woody Marks, the young Trojans in the room, with the help of some exciting transfers, look to make the running back unit a strength of the USC offense. **Anthony Jones Jr.** returns in 2025 to lead the Trojan backfield.

Sophomore **Bryan Jackson** is back for his second season after having his break out game in front of the nation during USC's victory in the 2024 Las Vegas Bowl recording 16 carries for 66 yards and 1 TD as he bulldozed his way through the Texas A&M defense. Throughout the season, he tallied 36 carries for 188 yards (5.2 avg.) and 1 TD. Redshirt sophomore **A'Marion Peterson** (16 carries for 65 yards [4.1 avg.] and 1 TD) also returns and looks for an increased role in 2025.

USC bolsters its running back room with two experienced transfers. Junior **Waymond Jordan** won the 2024 JUCOWeekly Trophy, the equivalent of the Heisman Trophy at the junior college level. He was named the 2024 NJCAA DI Football Offensive Player of the Year after leading Hutchinson CC to win the 2024 NJCAA DI Football Championship. Jordan rushed for 1,614 yards on 218 carries (7.4 avg.) while averaging 134.5 yards per game with 20 TDs through 12 games. He finished out the 2024 season first in the nation in yards, yards per game and touchdowns, while also finishing fourth in the nation in yards per rush with 7.4. He also recorded 6 receptions for 43 yards (7.2 avg.) and 1 TD. He was named 2024 NJCAA DI Football First Team All-American and to the 2024 All-Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference First Team.

Redshirt senior **Eli Sanders** arrives at Troy after stops at New Mexico and Iowa State. In his 4-year career (3 seasons at New Mexico and 1 at Iowa State), Sanders has recorded 305 carries for 1,766 yards (5.8 avg.) with a long of 75 and 13 TDs through 33 games. He has also tallied 30 receptions for 268 yards (8.9 avg.) with a long of 31 and 1 TD. Additionally, he had 5 kickoff returns for 113 yards (22.6 avg.) with a long of 32.

BRYAN JACKSON

LAKE McREE

Sanders looks to bring strong experience to the Trojan backfield.

Redshirt sophomore **Cian McKelvey** and redshirt freshman **King Miller** return to gain more experience this spring.

Running Backs
Bryan Jackson, So.
Waymond Jordan, Jr.
Cian McKelvey, R-So.
King Miller, R-Fr.
A'Marion Peterson, R-So.
Eli Sanders, R-Sr.

TIGHT ENDS

With a new leader in coach **Chad Savage**, the Trojan tight end unit boasts experienced talent and depth entering 2025.

Redshirt senior **Lake McRee** returns as the leader of the room. In 2024, he recorded 24 receptions for 245 yards (10.2 avg.) through 10 games with 9 starts. He will remain a vital part of the Trojan offense.

Sophomore **Walker Lyons** looks to once again contribute for the Trojans. After a strong freshman debut with 6 receptions for 36 yards (6.0) with 11 appearances and 3 starts, Lyons looks to increase his role next season.

Untested redshirt freshman **Walter Matthews** and redshirt freshman **Joey Olsen** (who saw action in 1 game) both look to gain valuable reps this spring.

Redshirt junior **Carson Tabaracci** works to find his way back to the field after a season-ending injury sidelined him in 2024.

Freshman **Taniela Tupou** from Folsom (Calif.) HS enrolled at USC in January and will participate in spring ball. Tupou, a three-star recruit, played tight end and edge in high school, but will focus on tight end at the collegiate level. He was rated as the No. 52 player in the state of California by 247Spsorts, No. 53 by Rivals, No. 67 by ESPN and No. 92 by On3. He was touted as the No. 36 edge in the nation by Rivals, No. 45 by 247Sports, No. 76 by ESPN and No. 146 by On3. In 2024, he helped Folsom win the San Joaquin Section Division 1 Championship.

Tight Ends
Walker Lyons, So.
Walter Matthews, R-Fr.
Lake McRee, R-Sr.
Joey Olsen, R-Fr.
Carson Tabaracci, R-Jr.
Taniela Tupou, Fr.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Zach Hanson, who has coached multiple NFL offensive line draft selections, steps in to lead the Trojan trenches. The USC offensive line unit returns 3 Trojans who have at least 1 game of starting experience. USC will miss the veteran presence of four-year starter and captain Jonah Monheim who departs for the NFL Draft.

Redshirt sophomore **Elijah Paige** returns as the most experienced player of the group. The 2024 Freshman All-American and Big Ten Honorable Mention started in all 13 games at left tackle. Junior **Alani Noa** also returns as an experienced starter after seeing action in 13 games with 12 starts at right guard. Paige and Noa were crucial to the success of the USC offense this season. USC finished the regular season ranked No. 10 in the nation in passing offense (291.9) and No. 1 in the Big Ten and No. 23 in the nation in total offense (437.2) and second in the Big Ten.

Redshirt junior **Kilian O'Connor** (saw action in 9 games with 1 start), redshirt sophomore **Micah Banuelos** (saw action in 2 games), redshirt sophomore **Tobias Raymond** (saw action in 13 games with 1 start) and redshirt freshman **Justin Tauanuu** (saw action in 2 games) each bring playing experience to build off of this spring.

Untested redshirt freshman **Makai Saina**, redshirt sophomore **Erwin Taomi** and redshirt freshman **Hayden Treter** look to gain experience heading into the 2025 season.

Redshirt freshman **Kaylon Miller** and redshirt sophomore **Jack Susnjar**, who each saw action in 2 games, also make up the Trojan offensive line.

USC welcomes 2 transfers and 4 early enrollee freshmen to the Trojan offensive trenches.

Redshirt senior **J'Onre Reed** who transferred

ELIJAH PAIGE

ALANI NOA

to USC in the spring of 2025 from Syracuse, looks to compete for playing time at center as a redshirt senior in 2025. In his 2-year career at Syracuse (2023-24), he appeared and started in 25 games. Redshirt senior **DJ Wingfield** started on the offensive line in all 12 games at right guard as a redshirt senior in 2024 at Purdue. Both bring needed experience to the Trojan offensive line room.

Freshman **Aaron Dunn**, a four-star recruit out of Spanish Fork (Utah) HS, was ranked as the No. 76 player in the nation by ESPN and No. 150 by 247Sports. He was rated as the No. 2 player in the state of Utah by On3, 247Sports and ESPN and the No. 4 player by Rivals. He was touted as the No. 9 offensive tackle in the country by ESPN, No. 17 by 247Sports, No. 24 by On3 and No. 33 by Rivals. He was 76th on the ESPN 300 and No. 147 on the Top 247 List. Most of his snaps in high school were at right tackle, but he also took reps on the left. He helped Spanish Ford reach the 4A State Championship game.

Freshman **Alex Payne** from Gainesville (Ga.) HS, also a four-star recruit, was ranked as the No. 124 player in the nation by 247Sports, No. 159 by ESPN and No. 194 by Rivals. He was rated as the No. 17 player in the state of Georgia by 247Sports, No. 25 by Rivals, No. 27 by ESPN and No. 30 by On3. He was touted as the No. 16 offensive tackle in the nation by 247Sports, No. 19 by Rivals, No. 21 by ESPN, and No. 22 by On3. He was 124th on the Top247 List, 159th on the ESPN 300 List, 163rd on the On300 and 195th on the Rivals 250. Prior to his senior season, he was named to the 2024 Recruit Georgia Preseason All-State Class 5A Team, the 2024 Georgia High School Football Daily Class 5A Preseason All-State Team and the 2024 The Atlanta Journal-Constitution Preseason All-State Team.

Local product from South Orange County, four star **Elijah Vaikona** out of Santa Margarita Catholic (Calif.) HS was rated as the No. 38 player in the state of California by Rivals No. 41 by On3, No. 63 by ESPN and No. 90 by 247Sports. He was touted as the No. 40 offensive tackle in the country by Rivals, No. 52 by On3, No. 76 by ESPN and No. 78 by 247Sports.

Freshman **Willi Wascher** of Bellevue (Wash.) HS was rated as the No. 4 player in the state of Washington by Rivals, No. 10 by 247Sports and No. 15 by On3 and ESPN. He was touted as the No. 15 interior offensive lineman in the nation

by ESPN, No. 30 by Rivals, No. 82 by 247Sports and No. 149 by On3. Wascher, a four-year starter at Bellevue, helped his team reach the 2024 Washington 3A State Championship game.

Offensive Linemen
Micah Banuelos, R-So.
Aaron Dunn, Fr.
Kaylon Miller, R-Fr.
Killian O'Connor, R-Jr.
Alani Noa, Jr.
Elijah Paige, R-So.
Alex Payne, Fr.
Tobias Raymond, R-So.
J'Onre Reed, R-Sr.
Makai Saina, R-Fr.
Jack Susnjar, R-So.
Erwin Taomi, R-So.
Justin Tauanuu, R-Fr.
Hayden Treter, R-Fr.
Elijah Vaikona, Fr.
Willi Wascher, Fr.
DJ Wingfield, R-Sr.

DEFENSE

After completely rehauling the defensive coaching staff with defensive coordinator **D'Anton Lynn** at the helm, the USC defense made a massive improvement from 2023 to 2024. Under Lynn, a Broyles Award nominee, USC held opponents to an average of just 24.1 points per game, improving from 34.4 in 2023. The Trojans finished the 2024 season ranked No. 21 in the nation and No. 2 in the Big Ten Conference in third-down conversion percentage defense (0.335), compared to ranking No. 106 (0.436) in 2023. USC's defense improved in a variety of other statistical categories including ranking No. 33 in passes intercepted (12) and No. 53 in rushing defense (141.2) in 2024. The Trojan defense ranked No. 58 in turnovers gained by collecting 18 throughout the season and ranked No. 69 in red zone defense (0.830) in 2024. USC finished ranked No. 70 in team passing efficiency defense (132.50), improved to No. 77 in total defense (377.1) and was No. 86 in the nation in first downs defense (262) in 2024. The Trojans concluded the season with a 35-31 victory over Texas A&M in the Las Vegas Bowl. The win marked the biggest comeback victory in Las Vegas Bowl history. Additionally, it was the largest deficit that USC has ever overcome in a bowl game win, with the previous being a 15-point deficit against Penn State in the 2017 Rose Bowl.

DEVAN THOMPKINS

With the addition of two new coaches as well as a variety of experienced players and young talent, the Trojans look to build on this solid foundation going into 2025.

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

The defensive line received a dose of DAWG-WORK as **Eric Henderson** took over the unit in 2024.

Redshirt junior **Devan Thompkins** had a breakout season in 2024 and looks to be a standout on the defensive line. He recorded 24 tackles, including 2.5 for loss of 10 yards (with 1.5 sacks for minus 9 yards) and 3 PBUs. Redshirt senior **Kobe Pepe** returns as a veteran in the trenches after collecting 19 tackles and 1 PBU in 2024.

After seeing action in 10 games and recording 7 tackles in his freshman debut, sophomore **Jide Abasiri** looks to build on that foundation in 2025.

Redshirt freshman **Ratumana Bulabalavu** (1 game) and untested redshirt freshmen **Carlon Jones** and **Brendan Cho** and redshirt junior **Kash Amos** look to increase their roles in 2025.

USC also welcomed freshmen **Floyd Boucard** (a Canadian from Montreal, Quebec who was a top recruit out of Miami Central [Fla.] HS) and **Cash Jacobsen** (the No. 12 player in the state of Oklahoma by 247Sports out of Jenks [Okla.] HS).

Junior **Jamaal Jarrett** arrived at Troy this spring from Georgia. Throughout his two years at Georgia, the 6-5, 350 pound defensive lineman appeared in 16 games and recorded 9 tackles. Redshirt senior **Keeshawn Silver** also transferred to USC from Kentucky this spring. In his 4-year career (2 seasons at Kentucky and 2 at North Carolina), Silver has recorded 47 tackles through 30 games with 23 starts.

Defensive Tackles
Jide Abasiri, So.
Kash Amos, R-Jr.
Floyd Boucard, Fr.
Ratumana Bulabalavu, R-Fr.
Brendan Cho, R-Fr.
Cash Jacobsen, Fr.
Jamaal Jarrett, Jr.
Carlon Jones, R-Fr.
Kobe Pepe, R-Sr.
Keeshawn Silver, R-Sr.
Devan Thompkins, R-Jr.

ANTHONY LUCAS

BRAYLAN SHELBY

DEFENSIVE ENDS

Under the tutelage of **Shaun Nua**, the USC defensive ends have developed some young talent ready to burst onto the scene in 2025.

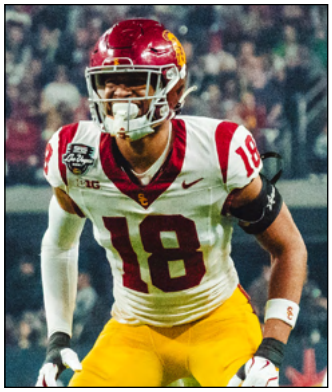
Senior **Anthony Lucas** will return as the most veteran of the group. After appearing in 7 games before a season-ending injury, he tallied 16 tackles and 1 PBU. Lucas looks to return to the field for fall camp.

Junior **Braylan Shleby** emerged as one of the Trojans' most fearsome defenders. After collecting 28 tackles, including 5 for loss of 22 yards (with 3 sacks for minus 14 yards), 2 QB hurries and 1 PBU, he made a critical impact on the Trojan defense and looks to bring that same energy in 2025.

After appearing in the Utah State game to start the season, sophomore **Kameryn Fountain** burst onto the scene and saw action in USC's last 7 games and tallied 19 tackles, including 4.5 for loss (with 2 sacks for minus 5 yards) and 1 QB hurry.

Redshirt freshman **Elijah Newby** (5 games and 2 tackles), redshirt freshman **Lorenzo Cowan** and redshirt junior **Garrett Pomerantz** each look to expand their roles in 2025.

USC signed the No. 1 defensive lineman in the nation in freshman **Jahkeem Stewart** out of Edna Carr (La.) HS. Stewart, one of the nation's top recruits, was rated as the No. 1 player in the state of Louisiana by ESPN and Rivals and No. 2 by On3 and 247Sports and was rated as the No. 8 player in the nation by Rivals, No. 11 by ESPN and No. 25 by On3. Before reclassifying, Stewart was the No.1 overall player in the 2026 class. He was named a 2024 MaxPreps Preseason Junior All-American, a 2024 MaxPreps Preseason All-American and 2024 PRZLA Preseason All-State honoree. Stewart had a highly productive 2023 sophomore campaign at St. Augustine with 85 tackles, including 33 for loss (with 20 sacks), 6 forced fumbles and 2 fumble recoveries. He was named to the 2023 All District 5A-9 First Team, the 2023 MaxPreps Sophomore All-American First Team and was a 2023 Louisiana Sportswriters Association 5A All-State Honorable Mention.



ERIC GENTRY

Defensive Ends
Lorenzo Cowan, R-Fr.
Kameryn Fountain, So.
Anthony Lucas, Sr.
Elijah Newby, R-Fr.
Garrett Pomerantz, R-Jr.
Braylan Shelby, Jr.
Jahkeem Stewart, Fr.

LINEBACKERS

The Trojan linebackers will have no shortage of energy with **Rob Ryan** leading the room. The linebackers will miss the vocal leadership and veteran presence of Easton Mascarenas-Arnold and Mason Cobb, but some familiar faces return.

Trojan fans will be excited for redshirt senior **Eric Gentry** to hit the field again in 2025. With his unique 6-foot-6 frame, Gentry provides opponent offenses with a tough challenge to gameplan against. He redshirted after appearing in four games and returned for the Las Vegas Bowl versus Texas A&M at the end of the season. In 2024, Gentry totaled 33 tackles, including 6.5 for loss of 17 yards (with 2 sacks for minus 11 yards), 1 forced fumble, 1 PBU and 1 QB hurry.

Sophomore **Desman Stephens II** decorated his stat sheet during his freshman debut while appearing in 13 games. He notched 13 tackles, including 1 for loss of 1 yard, 1 INT returned for 42 yards, 1 forced fumble and 1 QB hurry.

Hoping to expand their roles in 2025 are redshirt senior **Ryan Quintanar** (8 games), redshirt junior **Garrison Madden** (12 games with 5 tackles), redshirt junior **Roman Marchetti** (13 games with 1 tackle) and redshirt freshman **Jadyn Walker** (1 game).

Linebackers
Eric Gentry, R-Sr.
Garrison Madden, R-Jr.
Roman Marchetti, R-Jr.
Ryan Quitanar, R-Sr.
Desman Stephens II, So.
Jadyn Walker, R-Fr.

SAFETIES

The Trojan secondary will continue to develop in 2025 under **Doug Belk**. Although USC will be missing consistent playmakers like Akili Arnold and Bryson Shaw, the Trojans are returning other key safeties and welcoming young freshman to build up the room.

Although he could have declared for the NFL, redshirt junior **Kamari Ramsey** returns for the 2025 season to be a leader on the defensive side of the ball. In 2024, Ramsey recorded 60 tackles, including 5.5 for loss of 26 yards (with 2 sacks for minus 19 yards), a team-leading 5 PBUs, a team-leading 2 forced fumbles, 1 QB hurry and 1 INT. He looks to once again be a coach on the field in D'Anton Lynn's system.

Redshirt senior **Anthony Beavers Jr.** (18 tackles) and junior **Christian Pierce** (8 tackles) return to contribute for the Trojans. Untested redshirt freshman **Jarvis Boatwright Jr.**, redshirt freshman **Marquis Gallegos**, redshirt sophomore **Shawn Sehra** and redshrt junior **Brandon Shepherd** look to increase their roles and get some critical reps this spring.

USC welcomed redshirt senior **Bishop Fitzgerald** from NC State during the spring. In his 2-year career at NC State (2023-24), he recorded 97 tackles, including 7.5 for loss of 10 yards, 16 PBUs, 5 INTs for 47 yards, 2 QBHs and 1 forced fumble.

Freshmen **Alex Graham** (2024 Prep RedZone All-State Championship Defense and the 2024 MHSFCA All-Region First Team from state champion Cass Technical [Mich.] HS) and **Steve Miller** (2023 Georgia 1A-D2 Region 8 Player of the Year out of Greene County [Ga.] HS) enrolled early and are ready to compete during spring ball.

Safeties
Anthony Beavers Jr., R-Sr.
Jarvis Boatwright Jr., R-Fr.
Bishop Fitzgerald, R-Sr.
Marquis Gallegos, RFr.
Alex Graham, Fr.
Steve Miller, Fr.
Christian Pierce, Jr.
Kamari Ramsey, R-Jr.
Shawn Sehra, R-So.
Brandon Shepherd, R-Jr.

KAMARI RAMSEY

DECARLOS NICHOLSON

CORNERBACKS

Fresh energy awaits the USC cornerbacks from rising star coach, **Trovon Reed**. The Trojans will be missing veterans like Jaylin Smith, Jacobe Covington, John Humphrey and Greedy Vance Jr., but return a young room full of talent with some important veterans.

After the junior college eligibility rules were revised, redshirt senior **DeCarlos Nicholson** was able to secure another season of eligibility and return to Troy for one final year. In 2024, he recorded 27 tackles and 5 PBUs. USC also welcomes back redshirt senior **Prophet Brown** (11 tackles and 1 PBU) who looks to be a leader among the cornerbacks.

Redshirt freshman **Braylon Conley** (1 tackle, including 0.5 for loss of 3 yards), redshirt freshman **Marcelles Williams** (1 tackle, including 1 for loss of 1 yard, and 1 PBU) and untested redshirt freshman **Isaiah Rubin** look to gain valuable reps this spring to increase their roles in 2025.

The Trojans welcomed redshirt senior **DJ Harvey** from San José State. In his four-year career (2 seasons at San José State and 2 at Virginia Tech), Harvey has recorded 94 tackles, including 9.5 for loss (with 2 sacks), 16 PBUs, 4 INTs (with 1 pick six) and 1 forced fumble through 37 games. Redshirt sophomore **Kevin Longstreet** (saw action in 6 games with 1 tackle in his two-year career at Texas A&M and Louisville) also arrived at Troy ready to contribute

Freshmen **Trestin Castro** (a 2025 Polynesian Bowl All-Star from Upland [Calif.] HS) and **James Johnson** (the Georgia Region 6-5A 2023 Player of the Year out of Douglas County [Ga.]) HS) are enrolled and eager to begin their first spring ball as Trojans.

Cornerbacks
Prophet Brown, R-Sr.
Trestin Castro, Fr.
Braylon Conley, R-Fr.
DJ Harvey, R-Sr.
James Johnson, Fr.
Kevin Longstreet, R-So.
DeCarlos Nicholson, R-Sr.
Isaiah Rubin, R-Fr.
Marcelles Williams, R-Fr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Ryan Dougherty will once again lead the Trojan specialists to be nationally recognized in 2025. In 2024, USC finished No. 1 in the nation in net punting (45.40).

PUNTERS

It will be tough to replace USC's first-ever Ray Guy Award winner in Eddie Czaplicki. However, redshirt senior **Sam Johnson** transfer from Valapariso will attempt to win that job in 2025. Johnson had a spectacular redshirt junior season in 2024. He was named a 2024 Stats Perform Second Team All-American, becoming the program's first All-American since 2003 and just one of three All-Americans from the program since 1985. He was named the Pioneer Football League Special Teams Player of the Year and received All-PFL First Team honors. Johnson was selected as the Phil Steele Pioneer Football League Special Teams Player of the Year and earned placement on the Phil Steele All-PFL First Team.

Redshirt freshman punter **Ryon Sayeri** saw his first action in the 2024 Las Vegas Bowl when Czaplicki suffered an injury. He recorded 1 punt for 57 yards and is ready to compete this spring.

Also available is untested punter redshirt junior **Rey Sanchez**.

KICKERS

The Trojans lose the consistent Michael Lantz at kicker, but welcome a sophomore transfer from UNLV. **Caden Chittenden** was one the nation's top kickers as a freshman at UNLV in 2024. He won a plethora of awards including being named First Team True Freshman All-American by 247Sports, Second Team Freshman All-American by The Athletic, College Football Network Honorable Mention All-American, College Football Network Freshman Specialist of the Year, College Football Network Freshman Kicker of the Year and Mountain West Freshman of the Year. Chittenden earned placement on the All-Mountain West First Team and was the first freshman from UNLV named to the All-Mountain West First Team since 2006. He was also a semifinalist for the 2024 Lou Groza Award and a three-time Mountain West Special Teams Player of the Week, as well as a three-time Mountain West Freshman of the Week.

Also available is redshirt sophomore **Tyler Robles** who saw action as a freshman in 2023.

Sayeri is also availbale to kick.

SNAPPERS

Redshirt senior All-Big Ten Third Team honoree **Hank Pepper** returns as USC's starting long snapper. In 2024, he recorded 3 tackles and also made a crucial play against Wisconsin by recovering a muffed punt at the Badgers' 30-yard line. This play by Pepper gave the Trojans a short field which ultimately resulted in USC scoring on a 6-yard pass from quarterback Miller Moss to receiver Ja'Kobi Lane.

Untested redshirt junior **Devin McDonough** is also available to snap.

KICKOFF RETURNERS

Junior **Makai Lemon** returns as one of the nation's most dangerous returners. He finished sixth in the nation and second in the Big Ten in kickoff returns (27.1). He also finished 16th in the nation and No. 2 in the Big Ten in combined kick returns. He tallied 19 kickoff returns for 514 yards with a long of 80.

Redshirt senior **Josiah Zamora** regularly lines up deep for the Trojans and returned a kickoff in the Las Vegas Bowl for 17 yards.

Other Trojans with kickoff return experience are **Jaden Richardson**, **Jarvis Boatwright Jr.**, **Eli Sanders** and **DJ Harvey.**

PUNT RETURNERS

The competition will be open to find USC's new punt returner. **Lemon** has experience punt returning as well as **Desman Stephens II**, **Jarvis Boatwright Jr.** and **DJ Harvey**.

Specialists
Caden Chittenden, So.
Sam Johnson, R-Sr.
Devin McDonough, R-Jr.
Hank Pepper, R-Sr.
Tyler Robles, R-So.
Rey Sanchez, R-Jr.
Ryon Sayeri, R-Fr.

HANK PEPPER

2025 USC SPRING FOOTBALL ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos	Hgt	Wgt	Birthday	Cl (Ath/Ac)	Exp.	Hometown (High School/JC/College)
97	ABASIRI, Jide	DT	6-5	294	3/10/06	So.	1V	Prior Lake, Minn. (Prior Lake)
58	AMOS, Kash	DT	6-2	291	9/3/03	R-Jr.	SQ	Chicago, Ill. (Whitney M. Young Magnet/ Fullerton College)
59	BANUELOS, Micah	OL	6-2	315	12/14/04	R-So.	2V	Auburn, Wash. (Kennedy Catholic)
15	BEAVERS JR., Anthony	LB	6-1	217	9/24/02	R-Sr.	4V	Baldwin Hills, Calif. (St. Bernard)
28	BOATWRIGHT Jr., Jarvis	S	6-1	191	10/11/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Clearwater, Fla. (Clearwater)
88	BOUCARD, Floyd	DT	6-3	311	1/17/07	Fr.	--	Montreal, Quebec (Miami Central)
16	BROWN, Prophet	CB	5-11	189	2/3/03	R-Sr.	4V	Sacramento, Calif. (Monterey Trail)
93	BULABALAVU, Ratumana	DT	6-3	310	8/31/06	R-Fr.	1V	Stockton, Calif. (Army and Navy Academy)
21	CASTRO, Trestin	CB	6-1	181	12/31/06	Fr.	--	Upland, Calif. (Upland)
45	CHITTENDEN, Caden	K	5-10	175	10/21/05	So.	TR	Las Vegas, Nev. (Faith Lutheran/UNLV)
91	CHO, Brendan	DT	6-3	294	5/16/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Chatsworth, Calif. (Heritage Christian)
22	CONLEY, Braylon	CB	6-1	186	11/9/05	R-Fr.	1V	Humble, Texas (Atascocita HS)
37	COWAN, Lorenzo	DE	6-3	247	8/24/06	R-Fr.	SQ	Savannah, Ga. (Jenkins)
86	DAS, Asante	WR	5-11	194	10/12/01	R-Sr.	SQ	Kennesaw, Ga. (Allatoona/Georgetown)
70	DUNN, Aaron	OL	6-8	291	12/3/06	Fr.	--	Spanish Fork, Utah (Spanish Fork)
9	FAIR, Jay	WR	5-10	185	8/13/04	Sr.	1V	Dallas, Texas (Rockwall-Heath/Auburn)
89	FASSE, Collin	WR	5-10	185	12/19/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Santa Maria, Calif. (St. Joseph)
19	FITZGERALD, Bishop	S	5-11	198	7/14/03	R-Sr.	TR	Woodbridge, Va. (Gar-Field/Coffeyville CC/ NC State)
1	FOUNTAIN, Kameryn	DE	6-5	260	8/4/05	So.	1V	Mobile, Ala. (Booker T. Washington)
30	GALLEGOS, Marquis	S	6-0	190	2/10/05	R-Fr.	1V	North Hollywood, Calif. (Sierra Canyon)
26	GEBBIA, Dylan	QB	6-0	185	2/27/03	R-So.	SQ	Los Angeles, Calif. (Bishop Alemany/Hawaii/ North Texas)
18	GENTRY, Eric	LB	6-6	225	5/20/03	R-Sr.	3V	Philadelphia, Pa. (Saints Neumann Goretti/ Arizona State)
27	GRAHAM, Alex	CB	6-0	193	3/7/07	Fr.	--	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Technical)
2	HARVEY, DJ	CB	5-10	186	2/17/03	R-Sr.	TR	Palmdale, Calif. (Sierra Canyon/ Virginia Tech/San José State)
16	HUARD, Sam	QB	6-1	210	6/17/02	R-Sr.	TR	Bellevue, Wash. (Kennedy Catholic/ Washington/Cal Poly/Utah)
7	JACKSON, Bryan	RB	6-0	232	4/11/06	So.	1V	McKinney, Texas (McKinney)
98	JACOBSEN, Cash	DT	6-4	298	9/20/06	Fr.	--	Jenks, Okla. (Jenks)
0	JARRETT, Jamaal	DT	6-5	349	7/19/05	R-So.	TR	Greensboro, N.C. (Grimsley/Georgia)
35	JOHNSON, James	CB	5-9	192	9/1406	Fr.	--	Douglasville, Ga. (Douglas County)
80	JOHNSON, Sam	P	6-3	230	4/4/02	R-Sr.	TR	Birmingham, Ala. (Oak Mountain/Alabama/ Jackson State/Valparaiso)
92	JONES, Carlon	DT	6-3	311	2/1/06	R-Fr.	SQ	Bay Cities, Texas (Bay Cities)
2	JORDAN, Waymond	RB	5-9	209	11/4/03	Jr.	TR	Pensacola, Fla. (Escambia/Hutchinson CC)
19	JORDAN, Xavier	WR	5-11	171	12/3/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Los Angeles, Calif. (Sierra Canyon)
81	JUNG, Brady	WR	6-0	168	9/15/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Menlo Park, Calif. (Menlo)
8	LANE, Ja'Kobi	WR	6-4	195	8/5/04	Jr.	2V	Mesa, Ariz. (Red Mountain)
6	LEMON, Makai	WR	5-11	195	6/2/04	Jr.	2V	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos)
62	LEONARD, Travis	OL	5-11	278	4/18/06	R-Fr.	SQ	Long Beach, Calif. (Junipero Serra)
4	LONGSTREET, Husan	QB	6-0	202	7/3/06	Fr.	--	Corona, Calif. (Centennial)
34	LONGSTREET, Kevin	CB	5-9	184	3/8/04	R-So.	TR	Corona, Calif. (Inglewood/Louisville/ Texas A&M)
6	LUCAS, Anthony	DE	6-5	274	10/8/04	Sr.	2V	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chapparal/Texas A&M)
85	LYONS, Walker	TE	6-3	240	3/13/04	So.	1V	Folsom, Calif. (Folsom)
29	MADDEN, Garrison	LB	6-2	230	12/11/03	R-Jr.	2V	Hampton, Ga. (Dutchtown)
14	MAIAVA, Jayden	QB	6-4	225	4/6/03	R-Jr.	1V	Palolo, Hawaii (Liberty/UNLV)
57	MARCHETTI, Roman	LB	6-2	216	12/22/03	R-Jr.	2V	Tustin, Calif. (Foothill)
23	MATTHEWS, Walter	TE	6-6	272	10/21/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Hiram, Ga. (Hiram)
47	McDONOUGH, Devin	SNP	6-2	229	11/15/03	R-Jr.	SQ	Redondo Beach, Calif. (Redondo Union/ El Camino College)
41	McKELVEY, Cian	RB	5-9	187	10/30/04	R-So.	SQ	Prescott, Ariz. (Prescott)
87	McREE, Lake	TE	6-4	249	9/4/02	R-Sr.	4V	Austin, Texas (Lake Travis)
60	MILLER, Kaylon	OL	6-0	291	1/17/05	R-Fr.	1V	Calabasas, Calif. (Calabasas)
30	MILLER, King	RB	6-0	220	1/17/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Calabasas, Calif. (Calabasas)
14	MILLER, Steve	S	6-1	185	2/8/07	Fr.	--	Greensboro, Ga. (Greene County)
84	NERHUS, Corey	WR	5-9	186	6/1/01	R-Sr.	SQ	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Mater Dei/ Orange Coast CC)
26	NEWBY, Elijah	DE	6-3	232	5/3/05	R-Fr.	1V	Cheshire, Conn. (Cheshire Academy)
17	NICHOLSON, DeCarlos	CB	6-3	195	11/16/01	R-Sr.	1V	Petal, Miss. (Petal/Miss. Gulf Coast CC/ Mississippi State)

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77	NOA, Alani	OL	6-3	335	10/7/05	Jr.	2V	Sacramento, Calif. (Grant Union)
67	O'CONNOR, Kilian	OL	6-1	292	5/6/03	R-Jr.	1V	Ladera Ranch, Calif. (Santa Margarita Catholic)
18	OLSEN, Joey	TE	6-5	246	1/11/06	R-Fr.	1V	Lake Oswego, Ore. (Lakeridge)
72	PAIGE, Elijah	OL	6-7	320	2/19/05	R-So.	2V	Phoenix, Ariz. (Pinnacle)
71	PAYNE, Alex	OL	6-5	292	9/12/06	Fr.	--	Gainesville, Ga. (Gainesville)
94	PEPE, Kobe	DT	6-2	335	3/31/01	R-Sr.	3V	Long Beach, Calif. (St. John Bosco)
31	PEPPER, Hank	SNP	6-1	210	12/11/01	R-Sr.	1V	Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler/Michigan State)
22	PETERSON, A'Marion	RB	6-0	217	11/10/04	R-So.	2V	Wichita Falls, Texas (Hirschi)
24	PIERCE, Christian	S	6-1	200	11/1/04	Jr.	2V	Fontana, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga)
39	POMERANTZ, Garrett	DE	6-2	220	10/19/03	R-Jr.	SQ	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
51	QUINTANAR, Ryan	LB	5-10	220	4/5/02	R-Sr.	1V	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola/TCU)
7	RAMSEY, Kamari	S	6-0	202	8/24/04	R-Jr.	1V	Palmdale, Calif. (Sierra Canyon/UCLA)
73	RAYMOND, Tobias	OL	6-6	315	1/25/05	R-So.	2V	Ventura, Calif. (Ventura)
50	REED, J'Onre	OL	6-3	322	10/14/00	R-Sr.	TR	Houston, Texas (Eisenhower/Hutchinson CC/ Syracuse)
15	RICHARDSON, Jaden	WR	6-1	209	8/14/02	R-Sr.	1V	San Mateo, Calif. (Menlo School/Tufts)
95	ROBLES, Tyler	K	5-7	175	12/7/04	R-So.	1V	Encinitas, Calif. (La Costa Canyon)
28	ROY, Gage	QB	6-2	195	11/7/03	R-Jr.	1V	Dallas, Texas (Jesuit Dallas)
38	RUBIN, Isaiah	CB	5-11	190	10/20/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Long Beach, Calif. (Los Alamitos)
78	SAINA, Makai	OL	6-4	300	9/15/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Arlington, Texas (Martin)
36	SANCHEZ, Rey	P	6-2	217	8/10/03	R-Jr.	SQ	Carson, Calif. (Carson/Long Beach CC)
1	SANDERS, Eli	RB	5-10	192	2/19/03	R-Sr.	TR	Oceanside, Calif. (Chandler/Iowa State/ New Mexico)
48	SAYERI, Ryon	P/K	5-11	180	9/8/06	R-Fr.	1V	West Hills, Calif. (Chaminade)
40	SEHRA, Shawn	CB	5-9	176	4/29/05	R-So.	SQ	Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Oak Park)
10	SHELBY, Braylan	DE	6-5	260	8/10/05	Jr.	2V	Friendswood, Texas (Friendswood)
45	SHEPHERD, Brandon	S	5-11	197	6/28/03	R-Jr.	SQ	La Cañada, Calif. (La Cañada)
9	SILVER, Keeshawn	DT	6-4	331	2/21/03	R-Sr.	TR	Rocky Mount, N.C. (Rocky Mount/ North Carolina/Kentucky)
10	SIMMS, Corey	WR	6-3	200	3/5/07	Fr.	--	Saint Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers College)
23	STEPHENS II, Desman	LB	6-3	232	7/25/06	So.	1V	Clarkston, Mich. (Clarkston)
4	STEWART, Jahkeem	DE	6-5	290	5/6/07	Fr.	--	Reserve, La. (Edna Karr)
17	STRACHAN, Prince	WR	6-5	204	11/25/02	Jr.	TR	Freeport, Grand Bahama (John Carrol/ Boise State)
29	STUPIN, Jack	QB	6-1	253	3/16/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Newport Beach, Calif. (Tustin)
61	SUSNJAR, Jack	OL	6-5	313	10/9/04	R-So.	1V	San Pedro, Calif. (Loyola)
24	TABARACCI, Carson	TE	6-1	222	10/16/03	R-Jr.	1V	Park City, Utah (Park City/Utah)
65	TAOMI, Erwin`	OL	6-4	357	9/10/04	R-So.	SQ	Anchorage, Alaska (St. Joseph's/ Hancock College)
74	TAUANUU, Justin	OL	6-6	310	3/15/06	R-Fr.	1V	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Huntington Beach)
8	THOMPKINS, Devan	DT	6-5	293	2/11/04	R-Jr.	3V	Stockton, Calif. (Edison)
68	TRETER, Hayden	OL	6-6	305	10/27/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Greenwood Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek)
88	TUPOU, Taniela	TE	6-3	245	6/13/07	Fr.	--	Carmichael, Calif. (Folsom)
79	VAIKONA, Elijah	OL	6-8	362	10/18/06	FR.	--	London, U.K. (Santa Margarita Catholic)
31	WALKER, Jadyn	LB	6-2	231	12/13/05	R-Fr.	1V	Portage, Mich. (Portage Northern)
52	WASCHER, Willi	OL	6-2	303	2/26/07	Fr.	--	Bellevue, Wash. (Bellevue)
25	WILLIAMS, Marcelles	CB	5-11	185	9/25/05	R-Fr.	1V	Carson, Calif. (St. John Bosco)
56	WINGFIELD, DJ	OL	6-3	310	1/13/01	R-Sr.	TR	Los Angeles, Calif. (Redondo Union/ El Camino CC/New Mexico/Purdue)
83	WOOD, Donovan	WR	6-0	206	9/24/02	R-Sr.	SQ	Mastic, N.Y. (Chaminade/Middlebury)
27	WORMLEY, Riley	RB	5-9	178	3/5/07	Fr.	--	Euless, Texas (Carroll)
44	ZAMORA, Josiah	WR	5-8	180	11/21/01	R-Sr.	2V	Monrovia, Calif. (Mater Dei)
82	ZAMORA, Seth	WR	5-9	170	6/3/06	R-Fr.	SQ	Monrovia, Calif. (Centennial)

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DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL SPORTS PERFORMANCE: Bennie WYLIE

2025 USC SPRING FOOTBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos	Hgt	Wgt	Birthday	Cl (Ath/Ac)	Exp.	Hometown (High School/JC/College)
0	JARRETT, Jamaal	DT	6-5	349	7/19/05	R-So.	TR	Greensboro, N.C. (Grimsley/Georgia)
1	SANDERS, Eli	RB	5-10	192	2/19/03	R-Sr.	TR	Oceanside, Calif. (Chandler/Iowa State/ New Mexico)
1	FOUNTAIN, Kameryn	DE	6-5	260	8/4/05	So.	1V	Mobile, Ala. (Booker T. Washington)
2	JORDAN, Waymond	RB	5-9	209	11/4/03	Jr.	TR	Pensacola, Fla. (Escambia/Hutchinson CC)
2	HARVEY, DJ	CB	5-10	186	2/17/03	R-Sr.	TR	Palmdale, Calif. (Sierra Canyon/ Virginia Tech/San José State)
4	LONGSTREET, Husan	QB	6-0	202	7/3/06	Fr.	--	Corona, Calif. (Centennial)
4	STEWART, Jahkeem	DE	6-5	290	5/6/07	Fr.	--	Reserve, La. (Edna Karr)
6	LEMON, Makai	WR	5-11	195	6/2/04	Jr.	2V	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos)
6	LUCAS, Anthony	DE	6-5	274	10/8/04	Sr.	2V	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chapparal/Texas A&M)
7	JACKSON, Bryan	RB	6-0	232	4/11/06	So.	1V	McKinney, Texas (McKinney)
7	RAMSEY, Kamari	S	6-0	202	8/24/04	R-Jr.	1V	Palmdale, Calif. (Sierra Canyon/UCLA)
8	LANE, Ja'Kobi	WR	6-4	195	8/5/04	Jr.	2V	Mesa, Ariz. (Red Mountain)
8	THOMPKINS, Devan	DT	6-5	293	2/11/04	R-Jr.	3V	Stockton, Calif. (Edison)
9	FAIR, Jay	WR	5-10	185	8/13/04	Sr.	1V	Dallas, Texas (Rockwall-Heath/Auburn)
9	SILVER, Keeshawn	DT	6-4	331	2/21/03	R-Sr.	TR	Rocky Mount, N.C. (Rocky Mount/ North Carolina/Kentucky)
10	SIMMS, Corey	WR	6-3	200	3/5/07	Fr.	--	Saint Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers College)
10	SHELBY, Braylan	DE	6-5	260	8/10/05	Jr.	2V	Friendswood, Texas (Friendswood)
14	MAIAVA, Jayden	QB	6-4	225	4/6/03	R-Jr.	1V	Palolo, Hawaii (Liberty/UNLV)
14	MILLER, Steve	S	6-1	185	2/8/07	Fr.	--	Greensboro, Ga. (Greene County)
15	RICHARDSON, Jaden	WR	6-1	209	8/14/02	R-Sr.	1V	San Mateo, Calif. (Menlo School/Tufts)
15	BEAVERS JR., Anthony	LB	6-1	217	9/24/02	R-Sr.	4V	Baldwin Hills, Calif. (St. Bernard)
16	HUARD, Sam	QB	6-1	210	6/17/02	R-Sr.	TR	Bellevue, Wash. (Kennedy Catholic/ Washington/Cal Poly/Utah)
16	BROWN, Prophet	CB	5-11	189	2/3/03	R-Sr.	4V	Sacramento, Calif. (Monterey Trail)
17	STRACHAN, Prince	WR	6-5	204	11/25/02	Jr.	TR	Freeport, Grand Bahama (John Carrol/ Boise State)
17	NICHOLSON, DeCarlos	CB	6-3	195	11/16/01	R-Sr.	1V	Petal, Miss. (Petal/Miss. Gulf Coast CC/ Mississippi State)
18	OLSEN, Joey	TE	6-5	246	1/11/06	R-Fr.	1V	Lake Oswego, Ore. (Lakeridge)
18	GENTRY, Eric	LB	6-6	225	5/20/03	R-Sr.	3V	Philadelphia, Pa. (Saints Neumann Goretti/ Arizona State)
19	JORDAN, Xavier	WR	5-11	171	12/3/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Los Angeles, Calif. (Sierra Canyon)
19	FITZGERALD, Bishop	S	5-11	198	7/14/03	R-Sr.	TR	Woodbridge, Va. (Gar-Field/Coffeyville CC/ NC State)
21	CASTRO, Trestin	CB	6-1	181	12/31/06	Fr.	--	Upland, Calif. (Upland)
22	PETERSON, A'Marion	RB	6-0	217	11/10/04	R-So.	2V	Wichita Falls, Texas (Hirschi)
22	CONLEY, Braylon	CB	6-1	186	11/9/05	R-Fr.	1V	Humble, Texas (Atascocita HS)
23	MATTHEWS, Walter	TE	6-6	272	10/21/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Hiram, Ga. (Hiram)
23	STEPHENS II, Desman	LB	6-3	232	7/25/06	So.	1V	Clarkston, Mich. (Clarkston)
24	TABARACCI, Carson	TE	6-1	222	10/16/03	R-Jr.	1V	Park City, Utah (Park City/Utah)
24	PIERCE, Christian	S	6-1	200	11/1/04	Jr.	2V	Fontana, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga)
25	WILLIAMS, Marcelles	CB	5-11	185	9/25/05	R-Fr.	1V	Carson, Calif. (St. John Bosco)
26	GEBBIA, Dylan	QB	6-0	185	2/27/03	R-So.	SQ	Los Angeles, Calif. (Bishop Alemany/Hawaii/ North Texas)
26	NEWBY, Elijah	DE	6-3	232	5/3/05	R-Fr.	1V	Cheshire, Conn. (Cheshire Academy)
27	WORMLEY, Riley	RB	5-9	178	3/5/07	Fr.	--	Euless, Texas (Carroll)
27	GRAHAM, Alex	CB	6-0	193	3/7/07	Fr.	--	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Technical)
28	ROY, Gage	QB	6-2	195	11/7/03	R-Jr.	1V	Dallas, Texas (Jesuit Dallas)
28	BOATWRIGHT Jr., Jarvis	S	6-1	191	10/11/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Clearwater, Fla. (Clearwater)
29	STUPIN, Jack	QB	6-1	253	3/16/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Newport Beach, Calif. (Tustin)
29	MADDEN, Garrison	LB	6-2	230	12/11/03	R-Jr.	2V	Hampton, Ga. (Dutchtown)
30	MILLER, King	RB	6-0	220	1/17/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Calabasas, Calif. (Calabasas)
30	GALLEGOS, Marquis	S	6-0	190	2/10/05	R-Fr.	1V	North Hollywood, Calif. (Sierra Canyon)
31	WALKER, Jadyn	LB	6-2	231	12/13/05	R-Fr.	1V	Portage, Mich. (Portage Northern)
31	PEPPER, Hank	SNP	6-1	210	12/11/01	R-Sr.	1V	Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler/Michigan State)
34	LONGSTREET, Kevin	CB	5-9	184	3/8/04	R-So.	TR	Corona, Calif. (Inglewood/Louisville/ Texas A&M)
35	JOHNSON, James	CB	5-9	192	9/1406	Fr.	--	Douglasville, Ga. (Douglas County)
36	SANCHEZ, Rey	P	6-2	217	8/10/03	R-Jr.	SQ	Carson, Calif. (Carson/Long Beach CC)
37	COWAN, Lorenzo	DE	6-3	247	8/24/06	R-Fr.	SQ	Savannah, Ga. (Jenkins)
38	RUBIN, Isaiah	CB	5-11	190	10/20/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Long Beach, Calif. (Los Alamitos)
39	POMERANTZ, Garrett	DE	6-2	220	10/19/03	R-Jr.	SQ	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)

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40	SEHRA, Shawn	CB	5-9	176	4/29/05	R-So.	SQ	Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Oak Park)
41	McKELVEY, Cian	RB	5-9	187	10/30/04	R-So.	SQ	Prescott, Ariz. (Prescott)
44	ZAMORA, Josiah	WR	5-8	180	11/21/01	R-Sr.	2V	Monrovia, Calif. (Mater Dei)
45	SHEPHERD, Brandon	S	5-11	197	6/28/03	R-Jr.	SQ	La Cañada, Calif. (La Cañada)
45	CHITTENDEN, Caden	K	5-10	175	10/21/05	So.	TR	Las Vegas, Nev. (Faith Lutheran/UNLV)
47	McDONOUGH, Devin	SNP	6-2	229	11/15/03	R-Jr.	SQ	Redondo Beach, Calif. (Redondo Union/ El Camino College)
48	SAYERI, Ryon	P/K	5-11	180	9/8/06	R-Fr.	1V	West Hills, Calif. (Chaminade)
50	REED, J'Onre	OL	6-3	322	10/14/00	R-Sr.	TR	Houston, Texas (Eisenhower/Hutchinson CC/ Syracuse)
51	QUINTANAR, Ryan	LB	5-10	220	4/5/02	R-Sr.	1V	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola/TCU)
52	WASCHER, Willi	OL	6-2	303	2/26/07	Fr.	--	Bellevue, Wash. (Bellevue)
56	WINGFIELD, DJ	OL	6-3	310	1/13/01	R-Sr.	TR	Los Angeles, Calif. (Redondo Union/ El Camino CC/New Mexico/Purdue)
57	MARCHETTI, Roman	LB	6-2	216	12/22/03	R-Jr.	2V	Tustin, Calif. (Foothill)
58	AMOS, Kash	DT	6-2	291	9/3/03	R-Jr.	SQ	Chicago, Ill. (Whitney M. Young Magnet/ Fullerton College)
59	BANUELOS, Micah	OL	6-2	315	12/14/04	R-So.	2V	Auburn, Wash. (Kennedy Catholic)
60	MILLER, Kaylon	OL	6-0	291	1/17/05	R-Fr.	1V	Calabasas, Calif. (Calabasas)
61	SUSNJAR, Jack	OL	6-5	313	10/9/04	R-So.	1V	San Pedro, Calif. (Loyola)
62	LEONARD, Travis	OL	5-11	278	4/18/06	R-Fr.	SQ	Long Beach, Calif. (Junipero Serra)
65	TAOMI, Erwin`	OL	6-4	357	9/10/04	R-So.	SQ	Anchorage, Alaska (St. Joseph's/ Hancock College)
67	O'CONNOR, Kilian	OL	6-1	292	5/6/03	R-Jr.	1V	Ladera Ranch, Calif. (Santa Margarita Catholic)
68	TRETER, Hayden	OL	6-6	305	10/27/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Greenwood Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek)
70	DUNN, Aaron	OL	6-8	291	12/3/06	Fr.	--	Spanish Fork, Utah (Spanish Fork)
71	PAYNE, Alex	OL	6-5	292	9/12/06	Fr.	--	Gainesville, Ga. (Gainesville)
72	PAIGE, Elijah	OL	6-7	320	2/19/05	R-So.	2V	Phoenix, Ariz. (Pinnacle)
73	RAYMOND, Tobias	OL	6-6	315	1/25/05	R-So.	2V	Ventura, Calif. (Ventura)
74	TAUANUU, Justin	OL	6-6	310	3/15/06	R-Fr.	1V	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Huntington Beach)
77	NOA, Alani	OL	6-3	335	10/7/05	Jr.	2V	Sacramento, Calif. (Grant Union)
78	SAINA, Makai	OL	6-4	300	9/15/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Arlington, Texas (Martin)
79	VAIKONA, Elijah	OL	6-8	362	10/18/06	FR.	--	London, U.K. (Santa Margarita Catholic)
80	JOHNSON, Sam	P	6-3	230	4/4/02	R-Sr.	TR	Birmingham, Ala. (Oak Mountain/Alabama/ Jackson State/Valparaiso)
81	JUNG, Brady	WR	6-0	168	9/15/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Menlo Park, Calif. (Menlo)
82	ZAMORA, Seth	WR	5-9	170	6/3/06	R-Fr.	SQ	Monrovia, Calif. (Centennial)
83	WOOD, Donovan	WR	6-0	206	9/24/02	R-Sr.	SQ	Mastic, N.Y. (Chaminade/Middlebury)
84	NERHUS, Corey	WR	5-9	186	6/1/01	R-Sr.	SQ	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Mater Dei/ Orange Coast CC)
85	LYONS, Walker	TE	6-3	240	3/13/04	So.	1V	Folsom, Calif. (Folsom)
86	DAS, Asante	WR	5-11	194	10/12/01	R-Sr.	SQ	Kennesaw, Ga. (Allatoona/Georgetown)
87	McREE, Lake	TE	6-4	249	9/4/02	R-Sr.	4V	Austin, Texas (Lake Travis)
88	TUPOU, Taniela	TE	6-3	245	6/13/07	Fr.	--	Carmichael, Calif. (Folsom)
88	BOUCARD, Floyd	DT	6-3	311	1/17/07	Fr.	--	Montreal, Quebec (Miami Central)
89	FASSE, Collin	WR	5-10	185	12/19/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Santa Maria, Calif. (St. Joseph)
91	CHO, Brendan	DT	6-3	294	5/16/05	R-Fr.	SQ	Chatsworth, Calif. (Heritage Christian)
92	JONES, Carlon	DT	6-3	311	2/1/06	R-Fr.	SQ	Bay Cities, Texas (Bay Cities)
93	BULABALAVU, Ratumana	DT	6-3	310	8/31/06	R-Fr.	1V	Stockton, Calif. (Army and Navy Academy)
94	PEPE, Kobe	DT	6-2	335	3/31/01	R-Sr.	3V	Long Beach, Calif. (St. John Bosco)
95	ROBLES, Tyler	K	5-7	175	12/7/04	R-So.	1V	Encinitas, Calif. (La Costa Canyon)
97	ABASIRI, Jide	DT	6-5	294	3/10/06	So.	1V	Prior Lake, Minn. (Prior Lake)
98	JACOBSEN, Cash	DT	6-4	298	9/20/06	Fr.	--	Jenks, Okla. (Jenks)

HEAD COACH: Lincoln RILEY, Fourth Year

ASSISTANT COACHES: Doug BELK, Secondary; Ryan DOUGHERTY, Special Teams Coordinator; Zach HANSON, Offensive Line/Assistant Head Coach for Offense; Eric HENDERSON, Co-Defensive Coordinator/Run Game Coordinator/Defensive Line; Luke HUARD, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach; Anthony JONES Jr., Running Backs/Run Game Coordinator; D'Anton LYNN, Defensive Coordinator; Shaun NUA, Defensive Ends; Trovon REED, Cornerbacks; Rob RYAN, Assistant Head Coach for Defense/Linebackers; Chad SAVAGE, Inside Receivers/Tight Ends; Dennis SIMMONS, Assistant Head Coach/Wide Receivers/Offensive Passing Game Coordinator

DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL SPORTS PERFORMANCE: Bennie WYLIE

2025 USC SPRING FOOTBALL SQUAD BREAKDOWN

RETURNING SQUADMEN (73)

OFFENSE (13)
Jay Fair, WR
Bryan Jackson, RB
Ja'Kobi Lane, WR (8)
Makai Lemon, WR (6)
Walker Lyons, TE (3)
Jayden Maiava, QB (4)
Lake McRee, TE (7)
Alani Noa, OL (12)
Kilian O'Connor, OL (1)
Elijah Paige, OL (13)
A'Marion Peterson (1)
Tobias Raymond, OL (1)
Josiah Zamora, WR

DEFENSE (17)
Jide Abasiri, DT
Anthony Beavers Jr., LB (6)
Prophet Brown, CB (1)
Kameryn Fountain, DE (4)
Eric Gentry, LB (14)
Anthony Lucas, DE (7)
Garrison Madden, LB
Roman Marchetti, LB
Elijah Newby, DE
DeCarlos Nicholson, CB (3)
Kobe Pepe, DT
Christian Pierce, S
Ryan Quintanar, LB
Kamari Ramsey, S (11)
Braylan Shelby, DE (12)
Desman Stephens II
Devan Thompkins, DT (6)

SPECIAL TEAMS (1)
Hank Pepper, SNP

REDSHIRTS/SQUADMEN: 4 REGULAR SEASON GAMES OR LESS (42)
Kash Amos, DT
Micah Banuelos, OL
Jarvis Boatwright Jr., S
Ratumana Bulabalavu, DT
Brendan Cho, DT
Braylon Conley, CB
Lorenzo Cowan, DE
Asante Das, WR
Collin Fasse, WR
Marquis Gallegos, S
Dylan Gebbia, QB
Carlon Jones, DT
Xavier Jordan, WR
Brady Jung, WR
Travis Leonard, OL
Walter Matthews, TE
Devin McDonough, SNP
Cian McKelvey, RB
Kaylon Miller, OL
King Miller, RB
Corey Nerhus, WR
Joey Olsen, TE
Garrett Pomerantz, DE
Jaden Richardson, WR
Tyler Robles, K
Gage Roy, QB
Isaiah Rubin, CB
Makai Saina, OL
Rey Sanchez, P
Ryon Sayeri, P/K
Shawn Sehra, CB
Brandon Shepherd, S
Jack Stupin, QB
Jack Susnjar, OL
Carson Tabaracci, TE
Erwin Taomi, OL
Justin Tauanuu, OL
Hayden Treter, OL
Jadyn Walker, LB
Marcelles Williams, CB
Donovan Wood, WR
Seth Zamora, WR

SPRING 2024 ENROLLEES (28)

OFFENSE (14)
Aaron Dunn, OL
Sam Huard, QB #
Waymond Jordan, RB #
Husan Longstreet, QB
Alex Payne, OL
J'Onre Reed, OL #
Eli Sanders, RB #
Corey Simms, WR
Prince Strachan, WR #
Taniela Tupou, TE
Elijah Vaikona, OL
Willi Wascher, OL
DJ Wingfield, OL #
Riley Wormley, RB

DEFENSE (12)
Floyd Boucard, DT
Trestin Castro, CB
Bishop Fitzgerald, S #
Alex Graham, CB
DJ Harvey, CB #
Cash Jacobsen, DT
Jamaal, Jarrett, DT #
James Johnson, CB
Kevin Longstreet, CB #
Steve Miller, S
Keeshawn Silver, DT #
Jahkeem Stewart, DE

SPECIAL TEAMS (2)
Caden Chittenden, K #
Sam Johnson, P #

SQUADMEN LOST (44)

OFFENSE (17)
Zachariah Branch, WR
Kade Eldridge, TE
Kyle Ford, WR
Kyron Hudson, WR
Jake Jensen, QB
Quinten Joyner, RB
Woody Marks, RB
Jonah Monheim, OL
Miller Moss, QB
Mason Murphy, OL
Emmanuel Pregnon, OL
Gino Quinones, OL
Duce Robinson, WR
Charles Ross, WR
Kalolo Ta'aga, OL
Amos Talalele, OL
CJ Woods, TE

DEFENSE (22)
Bear Alexander, DT
Akili Arnold, S
Zion Branch, S
Nate Clifton, DT
Mason Cobb, LB
Jacobe Covington, CB
Maliki Crawford, CB
Raesjon Davis, LB
Hunter Dunn, S
Matt Galván, LB
Sam Greene, DE
Elijah Hughes, DT
John Humphrey, CB
Easton Mascarenas-Arnold, LB
Gavin Meyer, DT
Thornton Mitchell, S
Jamil Muhammad, DE
DJ Peevy, DE
Bryson Shaw, S
Jaylin Smith, S
Solomon Tuliaupupu, DE
Greedy Vance Jr., CB

SPECIAL TEAMS (5)
Eddie Czaplicki, P
Michael Lantz, K
Denis Lynch, K
Cameron Shirangi, P
Garth White, K

Number of USC career starts in (parenthesis)

 # Midyear Transfer

2025 USC SPRING FOOTBALL PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES

(97) JIDE ABASIRI
Defensive Tackle, 6-5, 294, So.
Prior Lake, Minn. (Prior Lake HS)

2025: Abasiri will compete for playing time on the defensive line as a sophomore in 2025.

2024: Abasiri appeared in 10 games on the defensive line as a true freshman in 2024. He recorded 7 tackles.

He collected 2 tackles versus Utah State and 2 tackles versus Penn State. He tallied 1 tackle versus Rutgers and 2 tackles against Nebraska.

HIGH SCHOOL: Abasiri was one of the top prospects in the state of Minnesota. He was rated as the No. 3 player in the state of Minnesota by On3, No. 4 by Rivals, No. 5 by 247 Sports and No. 10 by ESPN. He was touted as the No. 29 defensive lineman in the country by On3, No. 49 by Rivals, No. 58 by 247Sports and No. 75 by ESPN.

After his senior year at Prior Lake (Minn.) HS, the four-star recruit was named the team's **Defensive Lineman of the Year,** and was selected to the **2023 All-District First Team,** the **2023 AP Minnesota All-State First Team,** the **2023 Star Tribune All-Metro First Team** and **Randy Shaver's 2023 KARE 11 All-Metro Football Team**. He also competed in the **2023 Minnesota All-Star game**. Abasiri, a team captain, also earned placement on the **2023 KARE 11 Preseason All-Metro team,** the **2023 Preseason All-State team**, was a **2023 Vikings Gatorade Elite Camp prospect** and a **2023 PRZ Preseason 6A Player of the Year nominee**. He was invited to the **2023 ESPN Elite Underclassman All-American Camp.**

Abasiri, a three-sport athlete, also competed in wrestling and track and field.

(58) KASH AMOS
Defensive Tackle, 6-2, 291, R-Jr.
Chicago, Ill. (Whitney M. Young Magnet / Fullerton College)

2025: Amos will compete for playing time on the defensive line as a redshirt junior defensive tackle in 2025.

2024: Amos did not see action as a junior in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a four-year varsity player at Whitney M. Young Magnet, he helped his team to a conference championship in 2023. That team was the first in Illinois state history to go from 0-9 to 9-0 in back-to-back seasons. He was touted as the No. 85 player in the state of Illinois by 247Sports.

He also played basketball and competed in track at Whitney M. Young Magnet.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication with an emphasis in Pre-Law.

(59) MICAH BANUELOS
Offensive Lineman, 6-2, 315, R-So.
Auburn, Wash. (Kennedy Catholic HS)

2025: Banuelos will compete for playing time on the offensive line as a redshirt sophomore in 2025.

2024: Banuelos saw action in two games (Utah State and the Las Vegas Bowl versus Texas A&M) as a redshirt freshman in 2024.

2023: He saw action in 1 game (Stanford) as a first-year freshman in 2023.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made the **2023 PrepStar All-Western Region** as he saw significant snaps on both sides of the ball as a senior at Kennedy Catholic (Wash.) HS. Banuelos was the **2022 Washington 4A NPSL Offensive Lineman of the Year** and was named to the **4A NPSL First Team as a senior defensive lineman.** He was selected to play in the **2023 Under Armour All-America Game** as an offensive lineman for Team Phantom.

He helped Kennedy Catholic reach the **2022 Washington 4A State Championship Game**. He primarily played left tackle and defensive tackle as a 2021 junior.

He played on both the offensive and defensive lines on varsity as a freshman.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

(15) ANTHONY BEAVERS JR.
Linebacker, 6-1, 217, R-Sr.
Baldwin Hills, Calif. (St. Bernard HS)

CAREER: In his 4-year career, he has 48 tackles, including 1.5 for loss, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery while appearing in 37 games with 6 starts.

2025: Beavers looks to compete for playing time at linebacker as a redshirt senior in 2025.

2024: Beavers saw action in 13 games with 5 starts at nickelback or linebacker as a redshirt junior in 2024. He recorded 18 tackles 10 of which were unassisted.

He had 6 tackles at Minnesota and 2 tackles against Penn State. He recorded 2 tackles at Washington and 3 tackles at UCLA. He collected 3 tackles against Notre Dame. He recorded 2 tackles in the Las Vegas Bowl against Texas A&M.

2023: Beavers recorded 18 tackles, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery as a redshirt sophomore while appearing in 12 games with 1 start (Holiday Bowl versus Louisville) in 2023.

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He had 1 tackle against San Jose State and 3 tackles and 1 fumble recovery versus Stanford. He tallied 1 tackle against Arizona State, 2 tackles versus Oregon and 6 tackles against UCLA. He recorded 5 tackles and 1 forced fumble in the Holiday Bowl against Louisville.

2022: Beavers saw action in 14 games as a redshirt freshman safety in 2022. He accumulated 12 tackles, including 1.5 for loss of 2 yards.

He had 3 tackles, including 1.5 for loss at Stanford. He tallied 4 tackles against Fresno State., He had 2 tackles against Washington State. He recorded 2 tackles against Colorado. He had 1 tackle in the Cotton Bowl against Tulane.

2021: Beavers, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2021 after graduating a semester early from high school, saw action at safety in 2 games (Washington State, California) as a first-year freshman in 2021. He did not make a tackle. He was named **USC's Co-Defensive Service Team Player of the Year**.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made the **2020 PrepStar Dream Team**. He transferred to St. Bernard High in Playa del Rey (Calif.) in 2020.

As a 2019 junior at Narbonne High in Harbor City (Calif), he had 13 tackles (2 for a loss), 1 interception, 3 deflections, a fumble recovery and a forced fumble.

As a sophomore in 2018 at Serra High in Gardena (Calif.), he made **Cal-Hi Sports All-State Sophomores First Team** when he had 70 tackles (1 for a loss), 1 interception, 3 deflections and a forced fumble.

As a freshman, he made the **2017 Max Preps Freshman All-American Second Team** as he had 8 tackles as a 2017 freshman and also caught an 8-yard pass.

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Occupational Science from USC in the spring of 2024. He is now pursuing a master's degree in Applied Psychology and certificate in Gerontology. He was in the Netflix show "Coach Snoop," about rapper Snoop Dogg and his Snoop Youth Football League.

(28) JARVIS BOATWRIGHT JR.
Safety, 6-1, 191, R-Fr.
Clearwater, Fla. (Clearwater HS)

2025: Boatwright Jr. will compete for playing time at safety as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Boatwright Jr. did not see action at safety as a freshman in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: Boatwright was touted as the No. 20 safety in the country by Rivals, No. 54 by ESPN, No. 56 by 247Sports and No. 78 by On3. He was rated as the No. 41 player in the state of Florida by Rivals, No. 81 by 247Sports, No. 83 by ESPN and No. 131 by On3. The four-star recruit was a four-year member

of the Clearwater (Fla.) HS varsity football team playing in all three phases of the game.

As a senior, he collected 102 tackles, including 3 for loss, 1 INT, 6 PBUs and 1 fumble recovery. He also had 1 punt return for 5 yards (5.0 avg.). He was named to the **2023 FACA All-District First Team** and was a **2023 FACA All-Star selection.**

He tallied 25 tackles, including 1 for loss, and collected 1 INT as a junior in 2022. He also rushed for 187 yards on 10 carries (18.7 avg.) with 3 TDs and had 1 kickoff return for 50 yards (50.0 avg.). He was selected to the **2022 Pinellas High School Media Group Honorable Mention Class 5A.**

As a sophomore in 2021, he notched 67 tackles, including 2 for loss and 4 PBUs. On offense, rushed for 217 yards on 19 carries (11.4 avg.) with 3 TDs.

As a 2020 freshman, rushed for 80 yards on 19 carries (4.2 avg.) with 1 TD. Academically, he was named a **Pinellas County Scholar-Athlete.**

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Human Biology at USC.

(16) PROPHET BROWN
Cornerback, 5-11, 189, R-Sr.
Sacramento, Calif. (Monterey Trail HS)

CAREER: In his 3-year career, he has 31 tackles and 2 PBUs while appearing in 39 games with 1 start.

2025: Brown looks to compete for playing time among the cornerbacks as a redshirt senior in 2025.

2024: Brown recorded 11 total tackles and 1 PBU while competing in 13 games at cornerback as a redshirt junior in 2024. He had 1 tackle against Utah State and 1 tackle against Wisconsin. He tallied 1 tackle against Penn State. He had a season-high 4 tackles and 1 pass breakup against Rutgers. He added 2 tackles at Washington. He recorded 2 tackles in the Las Vegas Bowl against Texas A&M.

2023: Brown saw action in 9 games with 1 start (Holiday Bowl versus Louisville) as a redshirt sophomore in 2023. He totaled 8 tackles throughout the season and contributed on special teams. He had 1 tackle and 1 PBU against Arizona. He recorded 1 tackle against both Oregon and UCLA. He collected a career-high 5 tackles in the Holiday Bowl against Louisville.

2022: Brown saw action in 13 games (all but Stanford) as a redshirt freshman, in 2022. He tallied a total of 5 tackles. Brown also contributed to special teams on the kickoff return unit. He had 1 tackle against Fresno State and 1 tackle against Oregon State. He made 1 tackle at Arizona and had 1 tackle against Colorado. He recorded 1 tackle at UCLA.

2021: Brown saw action in 4 games (Washington State, Utah, Notre Dame, California) and started once (at California) as a first-year freshman cornerback in 2021. Overall, in 2021, he made 7 tackles (1 each against Utah and Notre Dame and 5 at California).

HIGH SCHOOL: He made the **2020 PrepStar Dream Team** and **Southern California News Group Fab 15 Second Team** as a senior cornerback and running back at Monterey Trail High in Elk Grove (Calif.).

As a 2019 junior, he was **Cal-Hi Sports All-State Juniors First Team** when he ran for 779 yards on 64 carries (12.2 avg) with 2 TDs, caught 17 passes for 343 yards (20.2 avg) with 5 TDs and completed 3-of-4 passes (75.0%) for 67 yards (all were TDs) on offense, had 17 tackles, 3 interceptions (1 for a TD) and 5 deflections on defense and returned 10 kickoffs for 342 yards (34.2 avg) with 1 for a TD and had a 34-yard punt. He was named **2019-20 SportStars Magazine Sac-Joaquin Male Athlete of the Year.**

As a sophomore in 2018, he had 36 carries for 551 yards (15.3 avg) with 9 TDs and caught 5 passes for 44 yards on offense, had 17 tackles (1 for a loss), an interception, 8 deflections and a fumble recovery on defense and returned 5 kickoffs for 111 yards (22.2 avg) and had 2 punt returns for 4 yards (2.0 avg).

He also played on Monterey Trail's basketball and track teams (as a sophomore, he was a member of the state champion 400-meter relay team and has personal bests of 10.90 in the 100 meters, 22.71 in the 200, 50.74 in the 400 and 21-10 in the long jump).

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree Communication in the fall of 2024. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in Digital Media Management. His nickname is Peanut Butter.

(93) RATUMANA BULABALAVU
Defensive Tackle, 6-3, 310, R-Fr.
Stockton, Calif. (Army and Navy Academy)

2025: Bulabalavu will compete for playing on the defensive line as a redshirt freshman in 2024.

2024: Bulabalavu saw action in one game (Utah State) as a true freshman in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: Bulabalavu, a four-star recruit, was ranked the No. 31 player in the state of California by 247Sports, No. 50 by ESPN, No. 74 by Rivals and No. 91 by On3. He was touted as the No. 42 defensive lineman in the nation by 247Sports, No. 44 by ESPN and No. 124 by On3.

He finished his high school career with 60.5 sacks, which is believed to be among the top 10 totals in state history and a San Diego Section all-time best.

As a senior in 2023, he recorded 99 tackles, including 20 for loss (with 19 sacks), 20 QB hurries, 2 PBUs, 2 forced fumbles and 1 INT. He helped lead Army and Navy Academy to the **2023 CIF San Diego Section Division V-AA title game.** Bulabalavu was named the **2023 Costal League Defensive Player of the Year** and earned placement on the **2023 All-CIF San Diego Section First Team,** the **2023 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Small Schools Team** and the **2023 All-Costal League First Team.** He began the season on the **San Diego Prep Football Preseason Watch List** and **SBLive's 2023 Preseason All-San Diego Section Team.** Bulabalavu was invited to the **2023 Under Armour Next Camp Series** and represented San Diego while participating in the **2023 Makasi Bowl**. He was nominated as a **2023 National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete** and won the **2023 Prep Pigskin Iron Hog award.**

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As a junior in 2022, he tallied 108 tackles, including 30 for loss (with a state-leading 23.5 sacks), 53 QB hurries, 2 PBUs, a blocked punt and a blocked field goal. Bulabalavu recorded the most sacks in the state of California over the 2022 and 2023 seasons (42.5). He was selected as the **2022 Sunset League Defensive Player of the Year** and was also named to the **2022 All-CIF San Diego Section Second Team**, the **2022 San Diego Football Network All-Prep Team**, the **2022 Daygofootball.com North County First Team** and the **2022 Prep Pigskin Report All-51 Team.** Prior to the season, he earned placement on the **San Diego Prep Football Preseason Watch List.**

As a sophomore in 2021, he collected 75 tackles with 18 sacks.

Bulabalavu also played rugby and competed in track and field (triple jump, 110-meter hurdles, shot put and discus).

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Urban Studies and Planning at USC. His cousin, Tuli Letuligasenoa, was a defensive lineman at Washington from 2018-23.

(45) CADEN CHITTENDEN
Kicker, 5-10, 175, So.
Las Vegas, Nev. (Faith Lutheran HS / UNLV)

2025: Chittenden, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2025 from UNLV, looks to compete for playing time at kicker as a sophomore in 2025.

UNLV: Chittenden was one the nation's top kickers as a freshman at UNLV in 2024. He won a plethora of awards including being named **First Team True Freshman All-American by 247Sports**, **Second Team Freshman All-American by The Athletic**, **College Football Network Honorable Mention All-American**, **College Football Network Freshman Specialist of the Year**, **College Football Network Freshman Kicker of the Year** and **Mountain West Freshman of the Year**. Chittenden earned placement on the **All-Mountain West First Team** and was the first freshman from UNLV named to the All-Mountain West First Team since 2006. He was also a **semifinalist for the 2024 Lou Groza Award** and a **three-time Mountain West Special Teams Player of the Week**, as well as **a three-time Mountain West Freshman of the Week.**

Chittenden shattered the Mountain West and UNLV single-season record for field

goals by a freshman (26). He led the nation in scoring among all kickers with 133, which tied for the most in UNLV history. He tied the UNLV record for field goals in a season by making 26-of-33 attempts on the year. He also tied a school record 55-of-56 extra points. He hit a season-long 52-yard field goal in a rainstorm win at San Jose State. Chittenden also handed kickoff duties. He finished the season ranked No. 2 in the nation in field goals per game (1.86), No. 7 in the nation in total points scored among all positions (133) and No. 11 in the nation in scoring (9.5).

HIGH SCHOOL: Chittenden was rated as the nation's No. 8 kicking prospect by Chris Sailer Kicking.

He was the starting kicker on varsity for 4 seasons (2020-23).

As a senior in 2023, he helped the Crusaders to a state 5A runner-up finish as by making 18-of-22 attempts with a long of 57 yards. He was named to the **All-Southern Nevada First Team** as both a junior and a senior. Chittenden also handled punting duties for Faith Lutheran and averaged 37.9 yards per attempt in 2023. He was named a **Chris Sailer Kicking Second Team All-American**. He was also an **Adidas All-American Bowl Kicking Finalist** and a **Polynesian Bowl Kicking Finalist.**

As a junior in 2022, made 17-of-22 field goal attempts, including a 56-yarder, and hit 29-of-30 extra point attempts.

As a sophomore in 2021, he earned placement on the **LV Review-Journal Special Teams Top 5.**

(91) BRENDAN CHO
Defensive Tackle, 6-3, 294, R-Fr.
Chatsworth, Calif. (Heritage Christian HS)

2025: Cho will compete for playing time on the defensive line as a redshirt freshman defensive tackle in 2025.

2024: Cho did not see action as a true freshman in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a senior in 2022, he recorded 65 total tackles, including 11 for loss (with 1 sack), at Heritage Christian. He was also named **First-Team All-League** and **Team MVP** in 2022. After the season, he earned the **National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete award** as well as being named **Senior Athlete of the Year** and awarded the **Areté Faculty Award** in 2023.

As a junior in 2021, he recorded 34 tackles, including 3 for a loss (with 1 sack), at Heritage Christian. He received **First-Team All-League Honors** and was named the **Team MVP** in 2021.

As a sophomore in 2020, he earned **Most Improved Player Honors** at Heritage Christian.

He also played lacrosse and volleyball and competed in track and field at Heritage Christian.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Biochemistry at USC. His father, Young Cho, is currently a professor and researcher at the USC Information Sciences Institute.

(22) BRAYLON CONLEY
Cornerback, 6-1, 186, R-Fr.
Humble, Texas (Atascocita HS)

2025: Conley will compete for playing time at cornerback as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Conley saw action in 1 game (Utah State) at cornerback as a true freshman in 2024. He recorded 1 tackle, including 0.5 tackle for a loss of 3 yards.

HIGH SCHOOL: Conley, a four-star recruit, was a three-year player on varsity at Atascocita (Texas) HS. He was touted as the No. 36 safety in the country by Rivals, No. 47 by ESPN, No. 53 by 247Sports and No. 86 by On3. He was rated as the No. 53 player in the state of Texas by Rivals, No. 74 by ESPN, No. 108 by 247Sports and No. 169 by On3.

As a senior, he was named to the **2023 All-VYPE Houston First Team** and was ranked No. 13 on the 2023 VYPE Houston Top 100 players list. He also earned placement on the **2023 Touchdown Club of Houston Preseason Team.**

As a junior in 2022, Conley was invited to compete at the **2022 Next Level Athlete Texas Top 100 Showcase** and was selected to the **2022 All-District 21-6A First Team.**

As a sophomore, he was named to the **2021 All-District 21-6A First Team.**

Conley also competed in track and field.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Electrical Engineering at USC.

(37) LORENZO COWAN
Defensive End, 6-3, 247, R-Fr.
Savannah, Ga. (Jenkins HS)

2025: Cowan will compete for playing time at defensive end as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Cowan did not see action as a true freshman in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: Cowan, a three-star recruit, was touted as the No. 57 edge in the country by On3, No. 76 by ESPN and No. 79 by 247Sports. He was rated as the No. 64 player in the state of Georgia by On3, No. 92 by ESPN and No. 125 by 247Sports.

As a senior at Jenkins (Ga.) HS in 2023, he tallied 76 tackles, including 11 for loss (with 8 sacks), 8 PBUs, 3 blocked field goals and 1 forced fumble. He was named the **2023 5A Region 1 Defensive Player of the Year** and was invited to the **2023 Under Armour Next Camp Series.**

As a junior, he was selected to the **2022 All-5A Region 1 First Team** and the **2022 Big 22 ABC WJCL Team** after he collected 31 tackles, including 6 for loss (with 8 sacks), 2 PBUs and 1 blocked field goal.

During his sophomore season in 2021, he had 13 tackles, including 1 for loss, 3 PBUs and 1 forced fumble.

(86) ASANTE DAS
Wide Receiver, 5-11, 194, R-Sr.
Kennesaw, Ga. (Allatoona HS / Georgetown)

2025: Das will compete for playing time at wide receiver as a redshirt senior in 2025.

2024: Das saw action in 1 game (Las Vegas Bowl versus Texas A&M) as a redshirt senior in 2024. He did not record any stats.

GEORGETOWN: As a senior in 2023, Das saw action in 3 games for the Hoyas.

As a junior in 2022, he saw action in four games for the Hoyas recording 5 receptions for 51 yards and 1 TD. He was selected to the **Patriot League Academic Honor Roll.**

As a sophomore in 2021, he appeared in 8 games, including 2 starts, recording 36 catches for 431 yards and 1 TD. He also saw action as a defender, registering a tackle against Harvard and Morgan State.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a senior in 2019, Das caught 39 passes for 1,123 yards with 16 TDs at Allatoona HS. He earned **First Team All-County, All-Region** and **All-State honors** as well as being named as a team captain. He holds Allatoona's all-time records for single game receiving yards (294), single game receiving TDs (5), single season yards per catch (28.8), single season receiving yards (1,123), single season catches (39), single season receiving TDs (16), career catches (67), career receiving yards (1,562) and career receiving TDs (21).

As a team captain as a junior in 2018, he caught 14 passes for 224 yards and 1 TD.

As a sophomore in 2017, he caught 14 passes for 215 yards and 4 TDs.

He also ran track and played soccer.

PERSONAL: Das earned his bachelor's degree in Psychology from Georgetown in the spring of 2024. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in Communication at USC. His older sister, Ashtah, was a soccer player at Kennesaw State.

(9) JAY FAIR
Wide Receiver, 5-10, 185, Sr.
Dallas, Texas (Rockwall-Heath HS / Auburn)

CAREER: In his 3-year collegiate career (2 seasons at Auburn and 1 at USC), he has recorded 41 receptions for 436 yards (10.6 avg.) and 3 TDs while playing in 31 games with 6 starts. He has also tallied 1 punt return for -11 yards.

2025: Fair looks to compete for playing time at wide receiver as a senior in 2025.

2024: Fair recorded 8 receptions for 78 yards (9.8 avg.) and 1 TD while seeing action in 8 games as a junior in 2024.

He recorded 2 catches for 3 yards (1.5 avg.) against Utah State and 3 receptions for 42 yards (14.0 avg.) and 1 TD versus Michigan. He tallied 1 catch for 6 yards against Penn State, 1 reception for 14 yards versus Maryland

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and 1 catch for 13 yards against Rutgers.

AUBURN: As a sophomore in 2023, Fair caught 31 passes (second-most on the team) for 324 yards (10.5 avg.) and 2 TDs while seeing action in 13 games with 6 starts. He also tallied 1 punt return for -11 yards.

As a true freshman in 2022, he recorded 2 receptions for 34 yards (17.0 avg.) while appearing in 10 games.

HIGH SCHOOL: Fair, a three-star recruit, was touted as the No. 55 wide receiver in the nation by ESPN. He set his high school TD record recording 25 TDs throughout his career. He was named the **2021 VYPE DFW Public School Receiver of the Year**. He was named to the **Dallas Morning News 2021 Preseason All-Area offense.**

As a junior in 2020, he had 73 catches for 1,310 yards and 13 TDs to help Rockwall-Heath reach the Class 6A Division II Region II final. He earned placement on the **All-District 10-6A First Team.**

He tallied 46 receptions for 894 yards (19.4 avg.) and 13 TDs as a senior in 2021.

He played at Sachse (Texas) HS as a sophomore in 2019.

Fair also competed in track and field. He recorded a 22-0 long jump as a junior and ran a 23.33 200m as a sophomore.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Social Sciences with an emphasis in Economics at USC. His mother, Christina, played softball at Southern University, and his father, Jameson, played football at Southern University. His cousin, Larry Nance Jr., plays for the New Orleans Pelicans. His cousin, Greg Little, was an offensive lineman for the Carolina Panthers and Miami Dolphins.

(89) COLLIN FASSE
Wide Receiver, 5-10, 185, R-Fr.
Santa Maria, Calif. (St. Joseph HS)

2025: Fasse will compete for playing time at wide receiver as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Fasse did not see action as a true freshman in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: Fasse was hurt for most of his senior season in 2023.

As a 2022 junior, he recorded 64 receptions for 1,221 yards and a single-season school record 19 TDs through 11 games. He was named **First Team All-Mountain League and First Team All-Area.**

(19) BISHOP FITZGERALD
Safety, 5-11, 198, R-Sr.
Woodbridge, Va. (Gar-Field HS / Coffeyville CC / NC State)

CAREER: In his 2-year career at NC State (2023-24), he recorded 97 tackles, including 7.5 for loss of 10 yards, 16 PBUs, 5 INTs for 47 yards, 2 QBHs and 1 forced fumble.

2025: Fitzgerald, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2025 from NC State, looks to compete for playing time at safety as a redshirt senior in 2025.

NC STATE: As a senior in 2024, Fitzgerald recorded 55 tackles, including 7 for loss of 10 yards, 8 PBUs, 3 INTs for 47 yards, 2 QBHs and 1 forced fumble while appearing in all 13 games. He had a career-best 8 tackles against Georgia Tech and also recorded an INT.

Fitzgerald tallied 42 tackles, including 0.5 for loss, 3 PBUs and 2 INTs as a junior in 2023 while appearing in all 13 games.

COFFEYVILLE CC: Fitzgerald was the No. 10 ranked JUCO Prospect and No. 1 overall JUCO safety by 247Sports.

In 2022, he notched 50 tackles, including 4.5 for loss (with 0.5 sacks), in 11 games. He collected 8 PBUs, 6 INT (with 1 pick six), 2 fumble recoveries (both returned for scores) and a forced fumble.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Social Science with an emphasis in Psychology at USC.

(1) KAMERYN FOUNTAIN
Defensive End, 6-5, 260, So.
Mobile, Ala. (Booker T. Washington HS)

2025: Fountain will look to contribute at defensive end as a sophomore in 2024.

2024: Fountain saw action in 8 games in the 2024 season with 4 starts against Nebraska, UCLA, Notre Dame, and the Las Vegas Bowl versus Texas A&M at defensive end, as a freshman in 2024. He recorded 19 total tackles (10 solo, 9 assisted), including 2 for loss of 5 yards, as well as 1 QB hurry.

He recorded 3 tackles, including 1.5 for loss of 7 yards, against Utah State. He had 2 tackles, including 1 with a loss of 1 yard (with 1 sack for minus 1 yard), as well as 1 QB hurry against Rutgers. He tallied 1 tackle at Washington. Fountain had 4 tackles against Nebraska. He recorded 1 tackle versus UCLA. He had 3 tackles, including 1 for loss of 4 yards (with 1 sack for minus 4 yards), against Notre Dame. Fountain recorded a season-high 5 tackles, including 1 for a loss of 2 yards, in the Las Vegas Bowl against Texas A&M.

HIGH SCHOOL: Fountain, a four-star recruit, was touted as the No.7 edge in the country by 247Sports, No. 13 by ESPN, No. 17 by On3 and No. 26 by Rivals. He was rated as the No. 13 player in the state of Georgia by ESPN, No. 16 by 247Sports, No. 23 by On3 and No. 42 by Rivals. He was ranked the No. 78 recruit in the nation by ESPN and No. 85 by 247Sports. He ranked 79th nationally on the ESPN 300 List and 86th on the Top247 List. He was named a **2024 Under Armour All-American** and was invited to compete in the **2024 NBC All-American Bowl.**

As a senior at Booker T. Washington (Ga.) HS, he was named the **2023 Region 6-AA Co-Defensive Player of the Year** and earned placement on the **2023 Touchdown Club of Atlanta Preseason All-Star Team.**

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As a 2022 junior, he totaled 56 tackles, including 7 sacks, 8 QB hurries, 3 fumble recoveries and a PBU. He was selected to the **2022 GACA Coaches All-State Team**, the **2022 All-Region 6-AA First Team** and was a **2022 Georgia High School Football Daily All-State Honorable Mention.**

In his first year of football as a sophomore in 2021, he was named to the **2021 All-Region First Team.**

Fountain also played basketball.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

(30) MARQUIS GALLEGOS
Safety 6-0, 190, R-Fr.
North Hollywood, Calif. (Sierra Canyon HS)

2025: Gallegos will compete for playing time at safety as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Gallegos saw action in 1 game against Utah State as a true freshman safety in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: Gallegos, a four-star recruit, was rated as the No. 20 player in the state of California by ESPN, No. 23 by On3, No. 27 by 247Sports and No. 41 by Rivals. He was touted as the No. 20 safety in the nation by ESPN, No. 23 by On3, No. 26 by 247Sports and No. 41 by Rivals.

Gallegos played for Chaminade (Calif.) HS for his first three years of high school before transferring to Sierra Canyon (Calif.) HS for his senior year in 2023.

He had an impressive junior year for Chaminade and was named to the **2022 CalHi Sports All-State First Team**, the **2022 MaxPreps California All-State Team,** the **2022 Prep RedZone All-Southern California Jr. Team,** the **2022 SB Live All-California Team,** the **2022 LA Times All-Star Team** and the **2022 LA Daily News All-Area First Team.** Additionally, he was selected as the **2022 CIF-SS Division II Defensive MVP,** the **2022 Mission League Defensive MVP** and the **2022 Team MVP.**

(26) DYLAN GEBBIA
Quarterback, 6-0, 185, R-So.
Los Angeles, Calif. (Bishop Alemany HS / Hawaii / North Texas)

2025: Gebbia will compete for playing time at quarterback as a redshirt sophomore in 2025.

2024: Gebbia did not see action at quarterback as a redshirt freshman in 2024.

NORTH TEXAS: He did not see any action as a true freshman at North Texas.

HAWAII: Gebbia spent the spring of 2023 at Hawaii.

HIGH SCHOOL: Gebbia was listed as a three-star recruit by 247Sports.

As a senior in 2022, he helped Bishop Alemany to the CIF Southern Section Division 2 title game. As a senior, he tallied 2,687 passing yards and 20 TDs along with 559 rushing yards and 10 rushing TDs. He was a **two-time All-**

Mission League selection.

PERSONAL: His brother, Tristan, was a quarterback at Ohio State and Oregon State. His father, Richard, was a tight end at Ole Miss.

(18) ERIC GENTRY
Linebacker, 6-6, 225, R-Sr.
Philadelphia, Pa. (Saints Neumann Goretti HS/Arizona State)

CAREER: In his 4-year career (1 season at Arizona State and 3 seasons at USC), he has 195 tackles, including 19.5 for loss (with 6 sacks), 10 PBUs, 3 QB hurries, 3 forced fumbles, 2 INTs and 1 blocked kick while appearing in 39 games with 17 starts.

2025: Gentry, with his unique frame as a 6-6 inside linebacker, returns to compete in his final season in 2025.

2024: Gentry saw action in 5 games (LSU, Utah State, Michigan, Wisconsin and the Las Vegas Bowl against Texas A&M) and recorded 2 starts (Utah State and Michigan) at linebacker as a senior in 2024. He tallied 33 total tackles, including 6.5 tackles for loss totaling 17 yards (with 2 sacks for minus 11 yards). He also had 1 PBU and 1 fumble recovery.

He had 7 tackles, including 2 for loss of 2 yards, against LSU. He also tallied 7 tackles, including 1.5 for loss of 7 yards (with a sack for minus 5 yards) against Utah State. Gentry recorded 12 tackles, including 3 for loss of 8 yards (with 1 sack for minus 6 yards), as well as a fumble recovery at Michigan. He had 4 tackles against Wisconsin. Gentry recorded 3 tackles in the Las Vegas Bowl against Texas A&M.

2023: Gentry saw action in 11 games (all but Nevada and Oregon) and made 3 starts. He recorded 46 tackles, including 4 for loss of 16 yards (with 1 sack), 5 PBUs, 1 INT, 1 forced fumble and 1 blocked kick.

He collected 2 tackles against San Jose State. He racked up 2 tackles versus Stanford, including 1 for loss of 1 yard, and 1 PBU. He tallied 9 tackles, including 1 for loss of 4 yards against Arizona State. He blocked a kick against Colorado. Gentry had 5 tackles versus Arizona and 2 against Utah. He decorated his stat sheet with 7 tackles, including 1 for loss of 4 yards, 3 PBUs 1 forced fumble and 1 INT against California. He collected 8 tackles, including 1 for loss of 7 yards (with 1 sack for minus 7 yards) and 1 PBU against Washington. He recorded 5 tackles against UCLA and had 6 tackles in the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville.

2022: Gentry contributed heavily to USC's defense in his first year with the Trojans playing in 11 games (all but Arizona, California and Colorado) and making 9 starts. He racked up 71 tackles (third on the team), including 4 for loss of 19 yards, (with 2 sacks for loss of 15 yards). He also had 3 QB hurries, 2 forced fumbles, 3 pass breakups and 1 INT.

He racked up 7 tackles, including 0.5 for loss (with 0.5 sacks) against Rice. He accumulated 10 tackles at Stanford. He had 7 tackles, 1 QB hurry and 1 pass breakup against Fresno State. He tallied 8 tackles, including 0.5 for loss, 1 INT, 1 QB hurry and 1 pass breakup at Oregon State. He had 6 tackles, including 1.5 for loss (with 0.5 sack) against Arizona State and had 5 tackles with 1 QB hurry against Washington State. He recorded 9 tackles and 1 forced fumble at Utah. He had 9 tackles and 1 forced fumble against Notre Dame. He tallied 8 tackles, including 1.5 for loss (with 1 sack) in the Pac-12 Championship against Utah. He had 2 tackles and 1 pass breakup in the Cotton Bowl against Tulane.

ARIZONA STATE: He was a **2021 consensus Freshman All-American first teamer (Football Writers, ESPN.com, Maxwell Football Club, Pro Football Focus, 24/7Sports.com. Pro Football Network)** as a first-year freshman outside linebacker at Arizona State. Overall, in 2021, he had 45 tackles (sixth on the team), including 5 for losses of 18 yards (with a 12-yard sack), and 2 deflections while appearing in 12 games (and starting the final 3 games, versus Oregon State, Arizona and Wisconsin in the Las Vegas Bowl). He had 5 tackles versus UCLA and Arizona (with a sack), 4 tackles at Oregon State, 3 tackles against Colorado and Washington State, 2 tackles versus Wisconsin and 1 stop against Southern Utah, BYU, Stanford and Utah. He enrolled at Arizona State in January of 2021 after graduating a semester early from high school.

HIGH SCHOOL: He played linebacker and defensive end at Saints Neumann Goretti High in Philadelphia (Penn.). He did not play his senior season, which was held in the spring of 2021 due to the COVID pandemic, instead graduating a semester early to enroll at Arizona State.

As a 2019 junior, he had 15 sacks, 2 interceptions and 3 fumble recoveries on defense and 2 TD catches as a tight end on offense.

He also played basketball at Saints Neumann Goretti as a 2019 sophomore.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in American Popular Culture at USC.

(2) DJ HARVEY
Cornerback, 5-10, 186, R-Sr.
Palmdale, Calif. (Sierra Canyon HS / Virginia Tech / San José State)

CAREER: In his four-year career (2 seasons at San José State and 2 at Virginia Tech), Harvey has recorded 94 tackles, including 9.5 for loss (with 2 sacks), 16 PBUs, 4 INTs (with 1 pick six) and 1 forced fumble through 37 games. He also tallied 3 kickoff returns for 33 yards (16.5 avg.) and 14 punt returns for 26 yards (1.9 avg.).

2025: Harvey, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2025 from San José State, looks to compete for playing time at cornerback as a redshirt senior in 2025.

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SAN JOSÉ STATE: As a redshirt junior in 2024, Harvey recorded 58 tackles, including 7 for loss (with 2 sacks), 10 PBUs, 4 INTs and 1 pick six through 12 games. He also had 2 kickoff returns for 33 yards (16.5 avg.).

As a redshirt sophomore in 2023, he tallied 28 tackles, including 1.5 for loss, and 5 PBUs through 11 games. He also had 1 kickoff return for 2 yards (2.0 avg.) and 5 punt returns for 12 yards (2.4 avg.).

VIRGINIA TECH: As a redshirt freshman in 2022, Harvey collected 6 tackles, including 1 for loss, 1 PBU and 1 forced fumble through 10 games. He also had 9 punt returns for 14 yards (1.6 avg.).

As a freshman in 2021, he had 2 tackles while appearing in 4 games.

HIGH SCHOOL: Harvey was named the **Cali Sports All-Purpose Player of the Year in 2019 and 2020.** He also earned **MaxPreps All-American Second Team** honors in 2019 and was selected to the **MaxPreps 2020 All-Defense Team.**

Through his three seasons on varsity, he accumulated 94 tackles, including 1 for loss, 12 INTs and 45 PBU with a blocked FG. He totaled 3,341 all-purpose yards in those three seasons with 2,166 receiving yards, 668 kickoff returns yards, 195 INT return yards and 43 rushing yards.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

(16) SAM HUARD
Quarterback, 6-1, 210, R-Sr.
Bellevue, Wash. (Kennedy Catholic HS / Washington / Cal Poly / Utah)

CAREER: In his 4-year career (1 season at Utah, 1 season at Cal Poly and 2 seasons at Washington), he's completed 208-of-347 passes (.599) for 2,512 yards with 19 TDs and 14 INTs.

2025: Huard, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2025 from Utah, looks to compete for playing time at quarterback as a redshirt senior in 2025.

UTAH: He did not see any action as a senior at Utah in 2024.

CAL POLY: As a junior at Cal Poly in 2023, Huard went 184-of-303 (.607) for 2,247 yards with 18 TDs and 10 INTs. His 2,247 yards were seventh most in single season program history. His 6 passing TDs against Lincoln tied a program record. Additionally, his 37 completions against Sacramento State set a program record, and his career-high 483 yards passing against the Hornets were the second-most passing yards in a game in program history. His 154 completions in 2023 were fifth most in Cal Poly history.

WASHINGTON: He saw action in 1 game as a sophomore at Washington. He went 2-for-2 for 24 yards against Portland State.

As a freshman in 2021, Huard saw action in 4 games with 1 start. He went 22-for42 (.520) for 241 yards with 1 TD and 4 INTs. He earned first college start in the Apple Cup versus Washington State, going 17-for-31 (.548) for 190 yards and 1 TD.

HIGH SCHOOL: Huard started at

quarterback at Kennedy Catholic for four seasons 2017-20).

He was a **2021 Polynesian Bowl All-Star** and was selected for the **2021 All-American Bowl.** He was rated the nation's No. 1 pro-style QB, No. 23 overall prospect and No. 3 recruit in the state of Washington by 247Sports.com. He was rated as the nation's No. 14 overall prospect and No. 1 pro-style QB by ESPN.com. Huard was ranked the nation's No. 16 recruit and No. 2 pro-style quarterback by Rivals.com.

As a senior in the spring 2021 season, he passed for 1,473 yards, with 21 TDs and no INTs through an abbreviated 3-game season. He broke the state record for career passing yards in his final high school game passing for 514 yards and 8 TDs to finish his career with 13,214 yards and 153 career TDs. His 153 career touchdowns were third-most in Washington state history. He was named **North Puget Sound League 4A Player of the Year** and **All-NPSL 4A First Team** as a senior. He was selected to the **USA Today Preseason All-America First Team** heading into the postponed 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

He led the state in passing yards as both a sophomore and junior.

As a junior in 2019, Huard led his team to an 11-1 overall record and the quarterfinals of the 4A state playoffs. He completed 269-of-426 passes (.631) for 4,172 yards, 56 TDs and 11 INTs. He was named the **Seattle Times' Area Offensive Player of the Year** and the **Associated Press 4A State Player of the Year.** He was selected to the **All-State First Team (all levels) by both the Seattle Times and Scorebook Live.** He was named to the **MaxPreps Junior All-America Second Team** and was selected to the **2019 All-NPSL Mountain Division First Team.**

As a sophomore in 2018, he earned **All-NPSL Mountain Division First Team**. He was named a **2018 AP All-State honorable mention.** He went 248-for-395 (.628) for 4,141 yards with 42 TDs and 10 INTs.

As a freshman in 2017, he went 229-for-397 (.577) for 3,432 and 34 TDs. He earned **Second Team All-NPSL Cascade Division Second Team honors.** He was named the **2017 MaxPreps National Freshman of the Year.**

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Communication Studies from Utah in the fall of 2024. He is now pursuing a certificate in Gerontology at USC.

His father, Damon, played quarterback at Washington, lettering from 1993 through 1995, and finished his career as Washington's all-time leading passer. He went on to 12-year career in the NFL, winning two Super Bowls with the New England Patriots. He currently works in the Washington athletics department as Director of Community & External Relations and as a Special Advisor to the Athletic Director. His uncle, Brock, was also a starting quarterback at Washington (1996-98) and broke his older brother's passing yards record before playing for the Colts and Seahawks in the NFL. He is now a college football analyst on FOX. USC offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach Luke Huard is also his uncle. His sister, Brooke, is a redshirt freshman volleyball player at Washington. His other sister, Holly, is the Executive Assistant to the Athletic Director at USC.

(7) BRYAN JACKSON
Running Back, 6-0, 232, So.
McKinney, Texas (McKinney HS)

2025: Jackson will compete for playing time at running back as a sophomore in 2025.

2024: Jackson saw action in all 13 games at running back as a true freshman in 2024. He rushed for 188 yards on 36 attempts (5.2 avg.) and scored 1 TD. He also had 1 reception for no gain and a tackle.

He rushed for 34 yards on 7 carries and recorded 1 reception for no gain against Utah State. He tallied 12 yards on 4 carries against Wisconsin. He had 1 carry for 2 yards at Minnesota, and he rushed for 3 yards on 2 carries against Rutgers. He recorded 6 carries for season-high 71 yards (with his season-long of 23 yards) against Notre Dame. He tallied 66 yards on 16 carries with 1 TD in the Las Vegas Bowl against Texas A&M.

HIGH SCHOOL: Jackson, a four-star recruit, was touted as the No. 27 running back in the nation by Rivals, No. 44 by ESPN, No. 49 by On3 and No. 107 by 247Sports. He was rated as the No. 64 player in the state of Texas by Rivals, No. 82 by ESPN, No. 110 by On3 and No. 161 by 247 Sports.

As a senior at McKinney (Texas) HS, he rushed for 681 yards on 129 carries (5.3 avg.) for 8 TDs. He also collected 2 receptions for 8 yards (4.0 avg.). Additionally, he had 1 passing attempt for 42 yards which resulted in a TD. He was named the **2023 District 5-6A Offensive MVP.** He also competed at the **2023 Elite 11 finals.**

As a junior, he rushed for 1,647 yards on 265 carries (6.2 avg.) for 23 TDs. He also tallied 4 receptions for 26 yards (6.5 avg.) He was selected to the **2022 All-District 5-6A First Team,** the **2022 Dallas Morning News All-Area Second Team** and the **2022 Star Local Media All-Area Second Team.** He was also invited to the **2022 Under Amour Next Camp Series.**

As a sophomore, he rushed for 973 yards on 203 attempts (4.8 avg.) with 13 TDs and earned placement on the **All-District 5-6A First Team.** He was invited to the **2021 Under Armour Elite Underclassmen Camp.**

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

(0) JAMAAL JARRETT
Defensive Tackle, 6-5, 349, R-So.
Greensboro, N.C. (Grimsley HS / Georgia)

2025: Jarrett, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2025 from Georgia, looks to compete for playing time on the defensive line as a redshirt sophomore in 2025.

GEORGIA: As a redshirt freshman in 2024, he appeared in 11 games. He recorded 3 tackles on the season.

As a freshman in 2023, he saw action in 5 games (including the Orange Bowl against Florida State) and collected 6 tackles for the Bulldogs.

HIGH SCHOOL: Jarrett, a four-star recruit, was rated as the No. 2 player in the state of North Carolina by Rivals, No. 4 by 247Sports and No. 16 by ESPN. He was touted as the No. 5 defensive lineman in the country by Rivals, No. 23 by 247Sports and No. 29 by ESPN. He was ranked as the No. 66 prospect nationally by Rivals. He was a 2023 All-American Bowl participant.

As a senior in 2022, he helped lead Grimsley to 15-1 record and NCHSAA state runner-up finish. He recorded 63 tackles , including 18 for loss (with 1 sack), 3 QBHs and 1 INT.

As a junior in 2021, he registered 30 tackles, including 9 for loss and a QB hurry.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

BRYAN JACKSON

(80) SAM JOHNSON
Punter, 6-3, 230, R-Sr.
Birmingham, Ala. (Oak Mountain HS / Alabama / Jackson State / Valparaiso)

2025: Johnson, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2025 from Valparaiso, looks to compete for playing time at punter as a redshirt senior in 2025.

VALAPARAISO: Johnson had a spectacular redshirt junior season in 2024. He was named a **2024 Stats Perform Second Team All-American**, becoming the program's first All-American since 2003 and just one of three All-Americans from the program since 1985. He was named the **Pioneer Football League Special Teams Player of the Year** and received **All-PFL First Team honors.** Johnson was selected as the **Phil Steele Pioneer Football League Special Teams Player of the Year** and earned placement on the **Phil Steele All-PFL First Team.** He was also an **FCS National Punter of the Year Semifinalist.** Additionally, he was named the **PFL Special Teams Player of the Week four times** throughout the season.

Johnson finished with a season punting average of 47.13, shattering the previous program and PFL record of 43.68 that had stood for 14 years. Johnson had 24 punts of 50 yards or more and pinned the opposition inside the 20 on 19 occasions. He ranked third nationally in FCS in punting average and second among those with at least 50 attempts.

JACKSON STATE: Johnson was a member of the 2022 SWAC Championship at Jackson State as a redshirt sophomore. He appeared in 4 games and had 15 punts totaling 505 yards. He averaged 33.7 yards per punt during the 2022 campaign with a long of 50. Four punts were fair caught and 4 were downed inside the 20.

ALABAMA: Johnson did not see action as a sophomore in 2021. Alabama won the 2021 SEC Championship.

As a freshman in 2020, Johnson saw action 4 games. Alabama won the 2020 SEC Championship. He appeared in 4 games and had 10 punts totaling 354 yards. He averaged 35.4 yards per punt with a long of 45. Five punts were fair caught and 4 were downed inside the 20. He recorded 1 touchback.

HIGH SCHOOL: Johnson was a four-year varsity letterwinner at Oak Mountain (Ala.) HS. A multisport athlete, he also played basketball.

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Communication Studies from Valparaiso in the spring of 2024. He is now pursuing a master's degree in Communication Management at USC.

(92) CARLON JONES
Defensive Tackle, 6-3, 311, R-Fr.
Bay Cities, Texas (Bay Cities HS)

2025: Jones will compete for playing time on the defensive line as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Jones did not see action as a true freshman in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: Jones, a four-star recruit, was rated as the No. 17 defensive lineman in the country by 247Sports, No. 31 by 247Sports, No. 33 by Rivals and No. 49 by ESPN. He was touted as the No. 36 player in the state of Texas by On3, No. 38 by 247Sports and No. 64 by Rivals. He is 237th on the Top 247 List.

As a senior at Bay City (Texas) HS, he recorded 95 tackles, including 30 TFLs (with 17.5 sacks) and 23 QB hurries. He tied for third in the state in sacks. He was named **Texas District 12-4 Division I MVP.** Additionally, he was named the **Preseason 4A Defensive Player of the Year and** was selected to the **Preseason 4A All-State First Team.** He was also invited to compete in the **2023 Under Armour Next Camp Series.**

As a junior in 2022, he tallied 102 tackles, including 29 for loss (with 13 sacks), 4 QB hurries and 1 PBU. He was named the **2022 Texas District 12-4A Division I Co-Defensive MVP** and the **2022 Victoria Advocate All-Area Defensive Lineman of the Year.** He also earned placement on the **Texas Sports Writers Association 4A All-State First Team** and the **2022 Padilla Poll All-State Second Team.**

During his sophomore season, he notched 63 tackles, including 11 for loss (with 2 sacks) and 3 forced fumbles. Offensively, he had 5 receptions for 54 yards (10.8 avg.) and 1 TD. He was named **Team Defensive MVP** and was selected to the **2021 District 12-4A First Team.**

A three-sport athlete, Jones also played basketball and competed in track and field as shot putter. In basketball, he earned **2022-23 4A Region IV District 26 Defensive MVP, 2020-21 District 12-4A First Team honors, 2021-22 Academic All-District 25-4A honors** and was named **Team MVP.**

PERSONAL: His cousin is former NBA player, Rashard Lewis.

(2) WAYMOND JORDAN
Running Back, 5-9, 209, Jr.
Pensacola, Fla. (Escambia HS / Hutchinson CC)

2025: Jordan, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2025 from Hutchinson CC, looks to compete for playing time at running back as a junior in 2025.

HUTCHINSON CC: Jordan, a four-star recruit, is rated as the No. 1 JUCO running back in the nation by On3, 247Sports and ESPN. He is touted as the No. 2 JUCO prospect from the State of Kansas by 247Sports. He is ranked as the No. 7 JUCO prospect in the nation by ESPN, Np. 11 by Rivals and No. 18 by 247Sports.

As a sophomore in 2024, Jordan was named the **2024 NJCAA DI Football Offensive Player of the Year.** He led the Blue Dragons to win the 2024 NJCAA DI Football Championship. Jordan rushed for 1,614 yards on 218 carries (7.4 avg.) while averaging 134.5 yards per game with 20 TDs through 12 games. He finished out the 2024 season first in the nation in yards, yards per game, and touchdowns, while also finishing fourth in the nation in yards per rush with 7.4. He also recorded 6 receptions for 43 yards (7.2 avg.) and 1 TD. He won the **JUCOWeekly Trophy** which is presented to The Best JUCO Player in America. He was named **2024 NJCAA DI Football First Team All-American** and to the **2024 All-Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference First Team.** Throughout the season, he was named a **5-time KJCCC Player of the Week** and **NJCAA Week 12 Offensive Player of the Week.** Jordan became the 20th Blue Dragon running back to rush for 1,000 yards in a season. He recorded nine games of 100 or more rushing yards and 2 games with over 200 yards. His season high was 213 yards on 24 carries and 3 TDs in a 44-0 victory over Highland.

As a freshman in 2023, he recorded 27 carries for 202 yards (7.5 avg.) with 2 TDs through 7 games. He also tallied 1 reception for 8 yards (8.0 avg.).

HIGH SCHOOL: As a senior in 2022, Jones rushed for 1,125 yards on 140 carries (8.8 avg.) for 12 TDs. He also tallied 13 receptions for 119 yards (9.2 avg.). Defensively, he recorded 7 tackles and had 1 kickoff return for 28 yards.

As a junior in 2021, he rushed for 496 yards on 110 carries (4.5 avg.) and 5 TDs. He also recorded 8 receptions for 56 yards (7.0 avg.). Defensively, he notched 9 tackles and had 2 kickoff returns for 18 yards (9.0 avg.).

As a sophomore in 2020, he rushed for 1,496 yards on 163 carries (9.2 avg.) with 16 TDs. He also recorded 4 receptions for 26 yards (6.5 avg.) and went 1-of-2 (.500) passing for 41 yards and 1 TD. Defensively, he notched 8 tackles and 1 INT.

As a freshman in 2019, he rushed for 1,118 yards on 156 carries (7.2 avg.) with 9 TDs. Defensively, he recorded 2 tackles and had 2 kickoff returns for 6 yards (3.0 avg.).

(19) XAVIER JORDAN
Wide Receiver, 5-11, 171, R-Fr.
Los Angeles, Calif. (Sierra Canyon HS)

2025: Jordan will compete for playing time at wide receiver as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Jordan did not see action at wide receiver as a freshman in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: Jordan, a four-star recruit, was one of the nation's top prospects. He was rated as the No. 4 player in the state of California by On3, No. 7 by 247 Sports, No. 9 by ESPN and No. 12 by Rivals. He was touted as the No. 13 wide receiver in the country by On3, No. 15 by ESPN, No.16 by 247Sports and No. 20 by Rivals. He was ranked the No. 68 recruit in the nation by On3, No. 86 by 247Sports, No. 87 by ESPN and No. 95 by Rivals. He ranked 87th nationally on the Top247 List, 88th on the ESPN 300 List and 96th on the Rivals 250 List. He was named a **2024 Under Armour All-American**, a **2024 Polynesian Bowl All-Star** and was invited to compete in the **2024 NBC All-American Bowl.**

In his senior season at Sierra Canyon (Calif.) HS in 2023, Jordan caught just 30 passes but turned it into 600 receiving yards (20.0 avg.) and 8 TDs. He was the **Wide Receiver MVP at Under Armour Next Camp in 2023.**

As a junior in 2022, he collected 83 receptions for 1,626 yards (19.6 avg.) and 20 TDs. He scored in 11 of 13 games and had multiple touchdowns in 6 of them with a rate of 1 TD per 3.5 catches. He also recorded 3 tackles and 1 kickoff return for 24 yards (24.0 avg.). He was named to the **2022 MaxPreps California All-State First Team** and the **2022 All-CIF Southern Section Division IV Team.**

As a sophomore in 2021, he had 19 receptions for 324 yards (17.1 avg.) and 1 TD. He also recorded 1 passing attempt and 6 tackles.

(81) BRADY JUNG
Wide Receiver, 6-0, 168, R-Fr.
Menlo Park, Calif. (Menlo HS)

2025: Jung looks to compete for playing time at wide receiver as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Jung did not see action as a true freshman in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a senior in 2023, Jung caught 54 passes for 970 yards with 6 TDs for Menlo School. He earned First Team All-League honors for his performance in 2023.

As a junior in 2022, Jung recorded 30 catches for 396 yards and 6 TDs. He also took reps on the defensive side of the ball, tallying 42 tackles, including 2 for loss, as well as 2 INTs with 2 PBUs.

He also played lacrosse for Menlo School.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Business Administration at USC.

(8) JA'KOBI LANE
Wide Receiver, 6-4, 195, Jr.
Mesa, Ariz. (Red Mountain HS)

CAREER: In his 2-year career, he has 50 receptions for 618 yards (12.4 avg.) while appearing in 19 games with 8 starts. He also has recorded 1 tackle.

2025: Lane, a Biletnikoff candidate, looks to make an impact at wide receiver as a junior in 2025.

2024: Lane competed in all 13 games with 8 starts at wide receiver as a sophomore in 2024. He recorded 43 receptions for 525 yards (12.2 avg) with 12 TDs leading USC. He also recorded 1 tackle. He finished the season ranked No. 5 in the nation (No. 2 in the Big Ten) in receiving TDs. He also ranked No. 7 in the Big Ten in total TDs. Lane was named to the **AP All-Bowl Team** for his performance at the 2024 Las Vegas Bowl.

He had 3 receptions for 50 yards and 1 TD against LSU. He recorded 2 receptions for 16 yards against Utah State and 4 catches for 50 yards and 1 TD at Michigan. He tallied a season-high 10 receptions for 105 yards and 2 TDs against Wisconsin. He had 2 catches for 13 yards at Minnesota and 2 receptions for 18 yards against Penn State. He collected 4 catches for 51 yards and 1 TD at Maryland and added 2 receptions for 18 yards against Rutgers. He notched 3 receptions for 47 yards and a tackle at Washington. He had 1 reception for 4 yards and 1 TD at UCLA. He recorded 3 catches for 26 yards and 3 TDs against Notre Dame. He capped off the season with 7 receptions for a season-high 127 yards and 3 TDs (a Las Vegas Bowl record) at the Las Vegas Bowl against Texas A&M and was named **Las Vegas Bowl MVP.**

2023: Lane saw action in 6 games (San Jose State, Nevada, Stanford, Oregon, UCLA and the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville) as a true freshman wide receiver in 2023. He recorded 7 catches for 93 yards (13.3 avg.) with a long of 31 yards and 2 TDs.

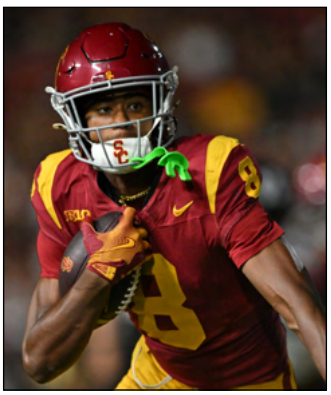
He had 1 reception for 5 yards against San Jose State. He recorded 1 catch for 11 yards versus Nevada. He collected 1 reception for 12 yards versus Stanford. He had 1 catch for 5 yards against UCLA. He tallied 2 receptions for 60 yards (30.0 avg.) and 2 TDs in the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made the **2023 PrepStar All-Western Region** after he caught 65 passes for 823 yards (12.7 avg) and 11 TDs and rushed for 38 yards on 15 carries (2.5 avg) to help Red Mountain (Ariz.) HS reach the 2022 6A semifinals. He also went 2-for-3 in passing for 96 yards for 2 TDs. On the defensive side of the ball, he recorded 3 tackles. On special teams, he recorded 6 kickoff returns for 128 yards (21.3 avg) with a long of 40, and 1 punt return. Lane was selected to the **2022 12Sports All-Fever Team**, the **2022 All-6A East Valley All-Region First Team** and won the **2022 National Football Foundation Arizona Chapter J.D. Hill Wide Receiver of the Year Award** and the **2022 All-6A East Valley All-Region Co-Offensive Player of the Year Award.** He also was named the **2022 Elite 11 All-Tourney Wide Receiver MVP.**

In his junior season in 2021, he was named to the **AZPreps365 6A All-Conference Second Team.** He caught 76 passes for 990 yards (13.0 avg) and 14 TDs and rushed for 5 yards on 1 carry (5.0 avg). He also went 3-for-4 in passing for 39 yards and 2 TDs. Defensively, he recorded 1 tackle with 1.0 for loss and 1 INT. On special teams, he tallied 3 punt returns for 46 yards (15.3 avg) with a long of 23 yards.

He also played basketball for Red Mountain.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.



JA'KOBI LANE

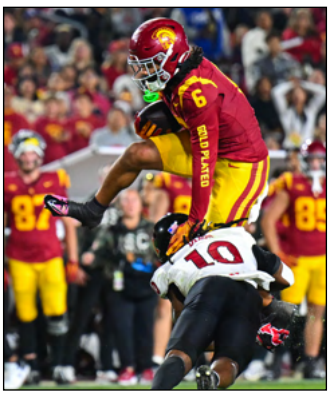
(6) MAKAI LEMON
Wide Receiver, 5-11, 195, Jr.
Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos HS)

CAREER: In his 2-year career, Lemon has 58 receptions for 852 yards (14.7 avg.) while appearing in 21 games with 6 starts. Lemon has also tallied 19 kickoff returns for 514 yards (27.1 avg) with a long of 80 yards. He also has recorded 1 tackle.

2025: Lemon, one of the nation's most electric all-around players, looks to lead the Trojan wide receiver unit in 2025. He enters the season a Biletnikoff and Paul Hornung Award candidate.

2024: Lemon competed in 12 games (all except Wisconsin) with 6 starts as a sophomore in 2024. He recorded a team-leading 52 catches while leading the Trojans with 764 yards (14.7 avg) and 3 TDs. Lemon also led USC with 19 kickoff returns for 514 yards (27.1 avg) with a long of 80 yards. He finished the reason ranked No. 6 in the nation (No. 2 in the Big Ten) in kickoff returns. Lemon also ranked No. 16 in the nation (No. 2 in the Big Ten) in combined kick returns (514). He was selected as an **All-Big Ten Offensive Honorable Mention** as well as an **All-Big Ten Return Specialist Third Team.**

He had 1 reception for 22 yards and 1 kick return for 8 yards against LSU. He recorded 3 catches for 23 yards and a TD against Utah State. He tallied 3 catches for 37 yards at Minnesota. He notched 6 catches for 73 yards against Penn State and had 8 catches for 89 yards at Maryland. He collected 4 catches for 134 yards with a TD and 3 kick returns for 122 yards against Rutgers. He had 8 catches for 70 yards and 1 TD and 4 kick returns for 101 yards at Washington. He notched 2 catches for 15 yards and a kick return for 32 yards against Nebraska. He had 2 catches for 69 yards and 3 kick returns for 88 yards at UCLA. He had 9 catches for 133 yards and 6 kick returns for 117 yards against Notre Dame. He recorded 6 catches for 99 yards and a kick return for 46 yards at the Las Vegas Bowl against Texas A&M.



MAKAI LEMON

2023: Lemon, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2023 after graduating a semester early from high school, saw action in 9 games (all but Stanford, Arizona State, California and Washington) on both sides of the ball as a wide receiver and a cornerback as a true freshman in 2023. On offense, he recorded 6 receptions for 88 yards (14.7 avg.) with a long of 40 yards. He also recorded 1 tackle.

He had 1 catch for no gain against San Jose State. He recorded 3 receptions for 13 yards (4.3 avg.) versus Nevada. He had 2 catches for 75 yards (37.5 avg.) and 1 tackle in the Holiday Bowl against Louisville.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was named a **2023 Under Armour All-American** and was selected to compete in the **2023 Polynesian Bowl.** Lemon was also a **Polynesian High School Player of the Year finalist.**

He made the **2022 All-CIF Division I Team,** the **2022 MaxPreps All-America First Team,** the **2022 MaxPreps California All-State First Team** and the **2022 Los Angeles Times All-Star Team** as a senior wide receiver at Los Alamitos (Calif.) HS. He caught 69 passes for 1,044 yards (15.1 avg.) and 12 touchdowns to help Los Alamitos place first in the Sunset League and reach the CIF Southern Section Division 1 semifinals. He also recorded 15 yards on 3 carries (5.0 avg.). On defense, he had 12 tackles, tallied 1 INT and 1 PBU. On special teams, he recorded 8 kickoff returns for 267 yards (33.4 avg.).

As a junior, he was selected to the **2021 MaxPreps Junior All-America First Team,** the **2021 MaxPreps California All-State First Team,** the **2021 All-CIF Southern Section Division I Team** and the **2021 Cal-Hi All-State First Team.** In 2021, he caught 65 passes for 1,062 yards (16.3 avg.) and 15 TDs and recorded 6 yards on 4 carries (1.5 avg). He also tossed 1 pass for 19 yards. On defense, he recorded 28 tackles with 2.0 for loss and tallied 4 INTs and 8 PBUs. On special teams, he had 12 kickoff returns for 355 yards (29.6 avg.).

After an abbreviated sophomore season in the spring of 2021, he was named to the **MaxPreps California All-State First Team.** As a sophomore, Lemon tallied 43 receptions for 756 yards (17.6 avg.) and 9 TDs. He also threw 1 pass for 48 yards. On defense, recorded 15 tackles with 1.0 for loss and tallied 4 INTs and 4 PBUs. Lemon also had 5 punt returns for 132 yards (26.4 avg).

As a freshman at La Mirada HS, he recorded 57 catches for 784 yards (13.8 avg) and 5 TDs and tallied 33 yards on 3 carries (11.0 avg). On defense, he recorded 25 tackles, 4 INTs, 2 fumble recoveries and 1 blocked punt. On special teams, he had 9 kickoff returns for 96 yards (10.7 avg).

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

(62) TRAVIS LEONARD
Offensive Lineman, 5-11, 278, R-Fr.
Long Beach, Calif. (Junipero Serra HS)

2025: Leonard looks to compete for playing time on the offensive line as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Leonard did not see action as a true freshman in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: Leonard earned the **President's Award for Character and Leadership** at Junipero Serra. He was also a member of the National Society of Black Engineer. Leonard earned the **Serra Alumni Association Tim Boyer Character Award (Football Sportsmanship)** and the **Certificate of Recognition from the California Legislative Black Caucus.** Additionally, he was a **2024 Regional Exposure Camp Series Participant** and an **International Space Station Program Participant.**

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Biochemistry at USC.

(34) KEVIN LONGSTREET
Offensive Lineman, 5-11, 278, R-Fr.
Long Beach, Calif. (Junipero Serra HS)

2025: Longstreet, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2025 from Texas A&M, looks to compete for playing time at cornerback as a redshirt sophomore in 2025.

TEXAS A&M: Longstreet saw action in 5 games as a redshirt freshman in 2024. He had 1 PBU versus New Mexico State.

LOUISVILLE: He saw action in 1 game versus Murray State as a freshman in 2023. He did not record any stats.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a senior, he was named to the **All-Baseline League First Team** and was the team's **Defensive MVP**.

As a sophomore and junior, he earned placement on the **All-Baseline League Second Team**.

Longstreet also played basketball and earned **Team MVP** honors in 2020.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Political Science at USC. His brother, Husan, is currently a freshman on the USC football team.

(6) ANTHONY LUCAS
Defensive End, 6-5, 274, Sr.
Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chapparal HS / Texas A&M)

CAREER: In his 3-year career (1 season at Texas A&M and 2 at USC), Lucas has recorded 33 tackles, including 4.5 for loss, 1 PBU and 1 QB hurry through 26 games with 7 starts.

2025: Lucas will look to be a veteran presence on the Trojan defensive line in 2025.

2024: Lucas saw action and started in 6 games at defensive end as a junior in 2024 before suffering a season-ending injury. He recorded 16 tackles and a PBU.

He had 2 tackles against LSU and 1 tackle against Utah State. He recorded 3 tackles at Michigan and 2 tackles against Wisconsin. He collected 2 tackles at Minnesota and tallied 6 tackles against Penn State.

2023: Lucas, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2023 from Texas A&M, saw action in all 13 games with 1 start on the defensive line as a sophomore in 2023. He recorded 10 tackles, including 3.5 for loss.

He had 3 tackles, including 2 for loss of 5 yards, against San Jose State. Lucas recorded 1 tackle versus Nevada. He tallied 1 tackle, including 1 for loss of 2 yards, against Stanford. He had 1 tackle against Arizona State, Colorado and Arizona. Lucas collected 2 tackles, including 0.5 for loss of 1 yard, against Utah.

TEXAS A&M: He saw action in 7 games (Sam Houston State, Application State, UM, Arkansas, Mississippi State, Alabama, South Carolina) collecting 7 tackles with 1 for loss. He had 1 tackle and a QB hurry against Miami and collected 2 tackles against Arkansas. He recorded 4 tackles including 1 for loss against Alabama.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was selected as a **2022 Under Armour All-American.**

As a senior, recorded 64 tackles, including 22 tackles for loss and 9.5 sacks. He also recorded 2 TDs on 6 catches across 13 games.

As a junior, he recorded 29 tackles, including 10 for loss (with 6.0 sacks) to go along with 2 offensive touchdowns in 7 games.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC. He was named to the **2023 Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll.**

ANTHONY LUCAS

(85) WALKER LYONS
Tight End, 6-3, 240, So.
Folsom, Calif. (Folsom HS)

2025: Lyons will compete for playing time at tight end as a sophomore in 2025.

2024: Lyons appeared in 11 games (all but Maryland and Louisiana State), making 3 starts, as a true freshman in 2024. Lyons recorded 6 catches for 36 yards (6.0 avg.).

He had 3 receptions for 13 yards (4.3 avg.) versus Utah State and 2 catches for 12 yards (6.0 avg.) against Wisconsin. He notched 1 reception for 11 yards versus Notre Dame.

WALKER LYONS

HIGH SCHOOL: Lyons, the four-star recruit, was touted as the No. 2 tight end in the nation by ESPN, No. 4 by Rivals, No. 9 by 247Sports and No. 13 by On3. He was rated as the No. 8 player in the state of California by Rivals, No. 9 by ESPN, No. 11 by 247Sports and No. 15 by On3. He was selected to participate in the **2023 Under Armour All-American game where he was honored as the All-American Bowl's Man of the Year** for his high standard of excellence in community service and athletic distinction.

In 2022, he suffered a season-ending leg injury in the first game of his senior season. He earned placement on the **2022 Preseason MaxPreps California All-State Team.**

As a junior, he had 42 receptions for 646 yards (15.4 avg.) and 7 TDs. Defensively, he had 12 tackles with 4 for loss and 1.5 sacks and 1 fumble recovery. On special teams, he punted 4 times for 110 yards (27.5 avg.) with a long of 37 yards and 6 kickoff returns for 50 yards (8.3 avg.) with a long of 12 yards. He was selected to the **2021 MaxPreps California All-State Second Team** and the **2021 MaxPreps All San-Joaquin Section Football Team.**

As a sophomore, he recorded 17 receptions for 281 yards (16.5 avg.) and 5 TDs. Defensively, he tallied 19 tackles, with 3.5 for loss and 2.0 sacks with 1 pass deflection, 1 fumble recovery and 1 forced fumble.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Real Estate Development at USC.

Lyons graduated high school in 2022 and served a Mormon mission in Norway prior to arriving at USC.

(29) GARRISON MADDEN
Linebacker, 6-2, 230, R-Jr.
Hampton, Ga. (Dutchtown HS)

CAREER: In his 3-year career, Madden has recorded 5 tackles through 13 games.

2025: Madden will compete for action at linebacker as a redshirt junior in 2025.

2024: Madden saw action in 12 games (all but LSU) at linebacker as a redshirt sophomore in 2024. He recorded 5 total tackles (all solo).

Madden tallied 1 tackle against Utah State. He had 1 tackle at Michigan and 1 tackle at Wisconsin. He recorded 1 tackle at Washington and 1 tackle in the Las Vegas Bowl against Texas A&M.

2023: Madden saw action in 1 game (Nevada) as a redshirt freshman in 2023, but he did not record any stats.

2022: Madden redshirted as a true freshman and did not see action in any games in 2022.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made the **2021 All-Region 4-AAAAA First Team** as a senior outside linebacker and wide receiver at Dutchtown High in Hampton (Ga.).

He didn't start playing football until his 2020 junior season.

He also was on the basketball and track teams at Dutchtown, with bests of 10.71 in the 100-meter and 22.22 in the 200-meter. He was third in the 100 and sixth in the 200 and anchored the winning 400-meter relay quartet

at the 2020 Georgia Class 5A Championships.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Health and Human Sciences at USC.

(14) JAYDEN MAIAVA
Quarterback, 6-4, 225, R-Jr.
Palolo, Hawaii (Liberty HS / UNLV)

2025: Maiava, who took over the Trojan offense at the end of the 2024 season, will compete to be USC's starting quarterback as a redshirt junior in 2025.

2024: After transferring from UNLV, Maiava took over the starting role for USC's final 4 games of the season. In 2025, he saw action in 7 games with 4 starts. Overall in 2024, he completed 101-of-169 passes (59.8%) for 1,201 yards and 11 TDs with 6 INTs, plus he rushed for 45 yards and 4 TDs. He was named to the **Polynesian Player of the Year Award Watch List.**

He hit 72.7% of his passes (8-of-11) for 66 yards with no picks against Utah State. He also ran 7 yards on 1 carry for a TD. He also recorded 1 carry for 7 yards against Wisconsin. Maiava rushed for 13 yards on 1 carry versus Rutgers. In his first start against Nebraska, he went 25-of-35 (71.4%) for 259 yards and 3 TDs and 1 INT. He also rushed for 20 yards on 5 carries with 1 TD. He went 19-of-35 (54.3%) for 221 yards and 1 TD versus UCLA. He also rushed for -9 yards on 4 carries. Maiava went 27-of-49 (55.1%) for a season-high 360 yards and 3 TDs and 2 INTs against Notre Dame. He also rushed for 11 yards on 5 carries with 2 TDs. In the Las Vegas Bowl against Texas A&M, he hit 56.4% of his passes (22-of-39) for 295 yards with 4 TDs and 3 INTs. He also rushed for -4 yards on 3 carries and caught 1 pass for -3 yards.

UNLV: As a redshirt freshman in 2023, Maiava led UNLV to its most wins since 1984 and a first-ever appearance in the Mountain West Championship. He completed 224-of-353 passes (63.5%) for 3,085 yards and 17 TDs with 10 INTs, plus he rushed for 277 yards on 73 carries (3.8 avg.) and scored 3 TDs while seeing action and starting in all 14 games. He also recorded 2 tackles. Maiava was named the **2023 Mountain West Freshman of the Year** and the **2023 College Football Network Freshman Quarterback of the Year.** He earned placement on the **2023 All-Mountain West Second Team** and the **2023 Phil Steele All-Mountain West Second Team.** He set the Mountain West record for Freshman of the Week honors with five.

Maiava redshirted the 2022 season and did not see any action at quarterback.

HIGH SCHOOL: Maiava, a three-star recruit, was ranked the No. 23 quarterback in the nation by ESPN, No. 52 by On3 and No. 62 by 247Sports. He was named **Second Team All-Southern Nevada by the Las Vegas Review-Journal.**

As a senior at Liberty (Nev.) HS in 2021, he led the Patriots to the state title game. He threw 2,027 yards and 24 TDs and ran for 3 TDs himself. He earned **All-League First Team honors.**

As a junior in 2019, he prepped at Kaimuki (Hawaii) HS where he threw for 3,317 yards and 41 TDs. He also played at Kaimuki a sophomore.

As a freshman in 2018, he prepped at Sierra Vista (Nev.) HS.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC. While at UNLV, Maiava earned placement on the **Fall 2023 Academic All-Mountain West Team.** His uncle is former Trojan linebacker, Kaluka Maiava.

(57) ROMAN MARCHETTI
Linebacker, 6-2, 216, R-Jr.
Tustin, Calif. (Foothill HS)

2025: Marchetti will compete at linebacker as a redshirt junior in 2025.

2024: Marchetti saw action in all 13 games at linebacker as a redshirt sophomore in 2024. He recorded 1 tackle against Penn State.

2023: Marchetti saw action in 4 games (San Jose State, Nevada, Stanford and the Holiday Bowl against Louisville) as a redshirt freshman in 2023. He recorded 1 kick return for 10 yards on special teams in the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville.

2022: Marchetti saw action in 1 game (Stanford) as a true freshman. He did not record any statistics.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2021 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Medium Schools third team, All-CIF Division 3, Orange County Register All-Orange County first team** and **All-Crestview League Defensive Player of the Year** as a senior linebacker and running back at Foothill High in Santa Ana (Calif.) as he made 150 tackles, including 5 for losses (with 15 sacks), 2 forced fumbles, an interception, a fumble recovery and a pass deflection.

As a 2020 junior, he made **All-Crestview League first team** as he had 49 tackles, including 4 for losses (with a sack), 3 fumble recoveries (1 for a TD) and 2 forced fumbles, along with 67 yards on 6 carries (11.2 avg). As a sophomore in 2019, he made 11 tackles (1 for a loss) and a fumble recovery, plus had 40 yards on 10 carries (4.0 avg).

He also played lacrosse at Foothill, earning **2022 First Team All-Crestview League honors** as his team was the CIF Division 1 runner-up as a senior and **2021 Third Team All-CIF Division 1** as a junior.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Journalism at USC. He earned placement on the **2023 Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll** and the **2024 Big Ten Fall All-Academic Team.**

JAYDEN MAIAVA

(23) WALTER MATTHEWS
Tight End, 6-6, 272, R-Fr.
Hiram, Ga. (Hiram HS)

2025: Matthews will compete for playing time at tight end as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Matthews did not see action at tight end as a true freshman in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: Matthews, a four-star recruit, was touted as the No. 2 tight end in the country by ESPN, No. 11 by On3, No. 13 by 247Sports and No. 14 by Rivals. He was rated as the No. 16 player in the state of Georgia by ESPN and On3, No. 22 by 247Sports and No. 38 by Rivals. He was ranked the No. 105 recruit in the nation by ESPN, No. 132 on On3 and No. 170 by 247Sports. He ranked 106th nationally on the ESPN 300 List and 171st on the Top247 List.

During his senior season at Hiram (Ga.) HS in 2023, he recorded 25 receptions for 341 yards (13.6 avg.) and 1 TD. He was named to the **2023 All-Region 7-5A First Team.** Matthews participated at the **2023 Nike Elite 11** and **The Opening.** He also was named to the **2023 Preseason All-State Team.**

As a junior in 2022, he collected 20 receptions for 425 yards (21.3) and 8 TDs and was selected to the **2022 All-Region 7-5A First Team.**

After recording 12 receptions for 235 yards (19.6 avg.) and 2 TDs as a sophomore, he earned placement on the **2021 All-Region 7-5A First Team.**

Matthews also competed in basketball.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Journalism at USC.

(47) DEVIN McDONOUGH
Long Snapper, 6-2, 229, R-Jr.
Redondo Beach, Calif. (Redondo Union HS / El Camino College)

2025: McDonough will compete for playing time at long snapper as a redshirt junior in 2025.

2024: McDonough did not see action as a junior in 2024.

EL CAMINO COLLEGE: As a sophomore in 2023, McDonough was named to the **All-SCFA Northern League Second Team.** He had zero fumbles or botched snaps on the season while playing in all 11 games.

As a freshman in 2022, he saw action in all 11 games and recorded 3 tackles.

HIGH SCHOOL: McDonough was a two-year varsity member playing two ways as a tight end and defensive lineman.

As a senior in 2021, he earned placement on the **2021 All-Bay League Team a**s a defensive lineman.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Political Economy at USC.

He earned placement on the **2023 California Community College Football Coaches Association Academic All-State Team.** He was a three-time honor roll member at Redondo Union. His uncle, Matt Stone, was a defensive end at Virginia.

(41) CIAN McKELVEY
Running Back, 5-9, 187, R-So.
Prescott, Ariz. (Prescott HS)

2025: McKelvey looks to compete for playing time at running back as a redshirt sophomore in 2025.

2024: McKelvey did not see action as a redshirt freshman in 2024.

He was not on the USC football team as a freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a senior in 2022, he rushed for 899 yards on 142 carries with 10 TDs at Prescott HS. McKelvey also played linebacker tallying 73 tackles, including 6 for loss (with 3 sacks), as well as 1 INT. He earned **AIA Student-Athlete of the Year** and **National Football Foundation Elite Scholar-Athlete Team** in 2022.

As a junior in 2021, he rushed for 584 yards on 119 carries with 5 touchdowns. He also played linebacker, recording 90 tackles, including 9 for loss (with 4.5 sacks). He earned **2021 First Team Grand Canyon Region** honors and was named to the **2021 Prep Redzone All-NAZ Offensive and Defensive Team.**

As a sophomore in 2020, he rushed for 28 yards on 10 carries with 1 TD. He also played linebacker recording 28 tackles, including 2 for loss, and 1 INT.

He also ran track and played basketball for Prescott.

PERSONAL: He is double majoring in Economics and Mathematics at USC.

(87) LAKE McREE
Tight End, 6-4, 249, R-Sr.
Austin, Texas (Lake Travis HS)

CAREER: In his 4-year collegiate career, he has 67 receptions for 704 yards (10.5 avg) with a long of 34 yards and 3 TDs while appearing in 29 games with 7 starts.

2025: McRee, a high-potential redshirt senior, returns as an experienced tight end in 2025.

2024: McRee saw action in 10 games (all but Wisconsin, Minnesota and Penn State) with 9 starts as a redshirt junior in 2024. McRee recorded 24 receptions for 245 yards (10.2 avg.).

He tallied 5 receptions for 56 yards (11.2 avg.) versus Louisiana State and 4 catches for 81 yards (20.25 avg.) against Utah State. He recorded 3 catches for -3 yards at Michigan (-1.0 avg.). He notched 4 receptions for 35 yards (8.8 avg.) against Maryland and 1 catch for 14 yards versus Rutgers. He collected 3 catches for 15 yards (5.0 avg.) against Washington and 1 catch for 9 yards against Nebraska. He recorded 2 catches for 36 yards (18.0 avg.) at UCLA and 1 reception for 2 yards against Notre Dame. McRee was named a **All-Big Ten Honorable Mention.**

2023: McRee saw action in 12 games (all but the Holiday Bowl against Louisville due to a lower body injury) with 4 starts as a redshirt sophomore in 2023. He recorded 26 catches for 262 yards (10.1 avg.) and scored 1 TD.

He had 3 receptions for 36 yards (12.0 avg.) against San Jose State. He recorded 1 catch for 10 yards versus Nevada. He tallied 4 receptions for 29 yards (7.3 avg.) with 1 TD against Stanford. He collected 1 catch for 2 yards versus Arizona State. He notched 2 receptions for 19 yards (9.5 avg.) versus Colorado. He had 1 catch for 21 yards against Notre Dame. He collected 3 receptions for 35 yards (11.7 avg.) versus Utah. He recorded 4 catches for 71 yards (17.8 avg.) against California. He tallied 4 catches for 22 yards (5.5 avg.) versus Washington. He had 1 catch for no gain against Oregon. He recorded 2 receptions for 17 yards (8.5 avg.) against UCLA.

2022: McRee saw action in 13 games (all but Arizona State) with 2 starts (Stanford and Fresno State) as a redshirt freshman in 2022. He caught 10 passes for 106 yards (10.6 avg) with a long of 31 yards and scored 2 TDs.

He had 1 catch for 9 yards against Rice and had 2 catches for 13 yards with a 5-yard TD at Stanford. He had 1 catch for 8 yards against Fresno State and had 1 catch for 4 yards at Oregon State. He had 1 catch for a 2-yard TD against California and had 1 catch for 18 yards against Colorado. He had 2 catches for 37 yards against Notre Dame and 1 catch for 15 yards in the Pac-12 Championship against Utah.

2021: McRee, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2021 after graduating a semester early from high school, saw key playing time at tight end and on special teams while appearing in 4 late-season games (Arizona, Arizona State, UCLA, BYU) and starting once (UCLA) as a first-year freshman in 2021. Overall, in 2021, he had 7 receptions for 91 yards (13.0 avg). He had a 9-yard reception against Arizona, 2 catches for 19 yards versus UCLA and had 4 catches for 63 yards and also caught a 2-point conversion pass against BYU.

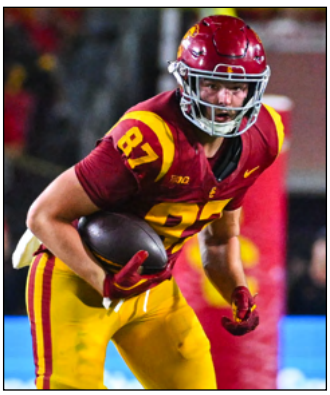
HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2020 PrepStar All-Midlands** as a senior tight end at Lake Travis (Tex.) High, when he had 14 receptions for 178 yards (12.7 avg) with 1 TD and added 3 carries for 11 yards (3.7 avg) with a TD.

He missed his 2019 junior season with a knee injury.

As a 2018 sophomore, he caught 17 passes for 274 yards (16.1 avg) with 2 TDs and also completed a 22-yard pass and had a 3-yard run.

He also played basketball at Lake Travis.

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Communication in the fall of 2024. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in Gerontology.



LAKE McREE

(60) KAYLON MILLER
Offensive Lineman, 6-0, 291, R-Fr.
Calabasas, Calif. (Calabasas HS)

2025: Miller will compete for playing time on the offensive line as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Miller saw action in 2 games (Utah State and Rutgers) on the offensive line as a freshman in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: Miller was a **three-time First Team All-Marmonte League selection (2021, 2022 and 2023)** out of Calabasas HS.

As a senior in 2023, he led the Marmonte League in TFLs (25) through the regular season.

As a junior in 2022, he recorded 80 tackles, including 27 for loss (with 5 sacks) and 3 PBUs.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Psychology at USC. His twin brother, King, is running back on the USC football team. His cousin, Olaijah Griffin, played cornerback for the Trojans from 2018-20.

(30) KING MILLER
Offensive Lineman, 6-0, 291, R-Fr.
Calabasas, Calif. (Calabasas HS)

2025: Miller will compete for playing time at running back as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Miller did not see action as a true freshman in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a junior in 2022, he rushed for 1,587 yards on 221 carries with 10 TDs. He also caught 3 passes for 52 yards. On the defensive side of the ball, he recorded 5 tackles, 1 INT, and 3 PBUs.

As a sophomore in 2021, he rushed for 152 yards on 18 carries with 1 TD.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC. His twin brother, Kaylon, is an offensive lineman on the USC football team. His cousin, Olaijah Griffin, played cornerback for the Trojans from 2018-20.

(84) COREY NERHUS
Wide Receiver, 5-9, 186, R-Sr.
Huntington Beach, Calif. (Mater Dei HS/ Orange Coast CC)

2025: Nerhus will compete for playing time as a redshirt senior wide receiver in 2025.

2024: Nerhus did not see action as a senior wide receiver in 2024.

2023: Nerhus did not see action as a junior wide receiver in 2023.

2022: Nerhus did not see action as a sophomore wide receiver in 2022.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a senior in 2020, he was a member of the Mater Dei varsity football team. Current Trojans

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Human Biology in the fall of 2024. He is currently pursuing a certificate in Geronolgy at USC. He attended Orange Coast Community College before transferring to USC as a sophomore in 2021 and joining the team in 2022 as a junior. His grandfather graduated from USC.

(26) ELIJAH NEWBY
Defensive End, 6-3, 232, R-Fr.
Cheshire, Conn. (Cheshire Academy)

2025: Newby will compete for playing time at linebacker as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Newby saw action in 5 games (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Penn State, Maryland and the Las Vegas Bowl versus Texas A&M) at linebacker as a true freshman in 2024. He recorded 1 tackle at Minnesota and 1 tackle at the Las Vegas Bowl against Texas A&M.

HIGH SCHOOL: Newby, a four-star recruit, was rated as the No. 3 player in the state of Connecticut by 247 Sports, No. 4 by On3 and ESPN and No. 5 by Rivals. He was touted as the No. 14 linebacker in the country by On3, No. 16 by ESPN, No. 18 by Rivals and No. 20 by 247Sports. He ranked 246th nationally on the Top247 List and 253rd on the ESPN 300.

Newby competed for Cheshire Academy (Conn.), which MaxPreps named the top high school football team in Connecticut. Cheshire Academy won the 2023 New England Bowl Championships.

As a senior, he was named to the **2023 Northeast Prep Football Conference All-League First Team** and the **2023 All-New England Prep School Athletic Council First Team.**

As a junior, Newby earned placement on the **2022 Northeast Prep Football Conference All-League First Team.**

He also competed in track and field and was selected to the **All-New England Prep School Athletic Council** in the high jump.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Business Administration at USC.

(17) DECARLOS NICHOLSON
Cornerback, 6-3, 195, R-Sr.
Petal, Miss. (Petal HS / Mississippi Gulf Coast CC / Mississippi State)

CAREER: In his 3-year career (2 seasons at Mississippi State and 1 season at USC), he has recorded 74 tackles, including 4 for loss, and 8 PBUs while appearing in 38 games with 7 starts.

2025: Nicholson will compete for playing time at cornerback as a redshirt senior in 2025.

2024: Nicholson saw action in all 13 games and started in 3 games (Maryland, Rutgers and Washington) at cornerback as a redshirt senior in 2024. He recorded 27 total tackles and 5 PBUs.

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He had 2 tackles against LSU. He tallied 4 tackles against Wisconsin and 1 tackle at Minnesota. Nicholson had 2 tackles against Penn State. He collected 3 tackles at Maryland. He had 5 tackles and 2 PBUs against Rutgers. He recorded 1 tackle at Washington. He had 3 tackles and 2 PBUs against Nebraska. He had 1 tackle and 1 PBU at UCLA. He collected 1 tackle against Notre Dame. He tallied 4 tackles at the Las Vegas Bowl against Texas A&M.

MISSISSIPPI STATE: As a 2023 senior, he collected 42 tackles, including 2 for loss of 4 yards and 2 PBUs while appearing in 12 games with 7 starts.

As a 2022 junior, he recorded 5 tackles and 1 PBU while appearing in 13 games.

MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST CC: Nicholson was ranked the No. 6 JUCO prospect by 247Sports, No. 10 by Rivals and No. 13 by ESPN. He was tabbed as the No. 3 cornerback in the JUCO class by 247Sports and No. 4 by ESPN. He was recognized as the No. 2 junior college product in the state of Mississippi.

He converted to cornerback as a sophomore after playing quarterback as a freshman at MGCCC. He made 19 tackles, including 2 for loss, and 16 PBUs as a sophomore in 2021.

He played in all 6 games as a freshman quarterback in 2020 and completed 16-of-36 (44.4%) passes for 178 yards and rushed 25 times for 210 yards (8.4 avg.).

HIGH SCHOOL: Nicholson was a ranked as a three-star prospect by 247Sports.

As a senior quarterback in 2019, he went 127-of-217 (58.5%) for 1,942 yards and 17 TDs with 6 interceptions. He also had 63 carries for 411 yards (6.5 avg.) and 6 TDs. He led Petal HS to the Class 6A South State championship game.

As a junior in 2018, he went 113-of-215 (52.6%) for 1,446 yards and 11 TD with 4 INTs. He also recorded 107 carries for 507 yards (4.7 avg.) and 4 TDs.

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from Mississippi State in 2023. He is currently pursuing a certificate in Gerontology at USC.

(77) ALANI NOA
Offensive Lineman, 6-3, 335, Jr.
Sacramento, Calif. (Grant Union)

CAREER: In his 2-year career, Noa has seen action in 19 games with 12 starts (all at left guard).

2025: Noa, an experienced offensive lineman, returns as a junior in 2025.

2024: Noa saw action in all 13 games and started 12 (all at left guard) as a sophomore in 2024. He was crucial to the success of the USC offense this season. USC finished the regular season ranked No. 10 in the nation in passing offense (291.9) and No. 1 in the Big Ten and No. 23 in the nation in total offense (437.2) and second in the Big Ten.

2023: Noa saw action in 6 games (San Jose State, Nevada, Stanford, Utah, UCLA and the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville) making 1 start on the offensive line as a true freshman in 2023.

Noa became the first USC true freshman to start at left guard in a season opener since Toa Lobendahn started the opener at left guard in 2014 vs. Fresno State on Aug. 30. The last true freshman to start any game at left guard for USC was Courtland Ford in 2020 vs. Washington State on Dec. 6.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2023 PrepStar All-Western Region** and **2022 MaxPreps All Sac-Joaquin Section First Team** as a senior offensive lineman at Grant Union (Calif.) HS. He helped Grant capture the 2022 CIF State 3-AA title and D4 State Team of the Year honors.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

(67) KILIAN O'CONNOR
Offensive Lineman, 6-1, 292, R-Jr.
Ladera Ranch, Calif. (Santa Margarita Catholic HS)

2025: O'Connor will compete for playing time on the offensive line as a redshirt junior in 2025.

2024: O'Connor appeared in 9 games with 1 start in the Las Vegas Bowl against Texas A&M as a junior in 2024. He made all 9 appearances at center.

2023: O'Connor saw action in 7 games (San Jose State, Nevada, Stanford, Arizona, Notre Dame, Oregon and the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville) at center as a redshirt freshman in 2023.

2022: O'Connor did not see action as a true freshman offensive lineman in 2022.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was a 3-year starter at center and offensive guard at Santa Margarita Catholic High in Rancho Santa Margarita (Calif.). As a 2021 senior, he made **Cal-Hi Sports All-State second team, All-CIF Division 1, Orange County Register All-Orange County first team** and **All-Trinity League first team**, as well as **Academic All-American.**

He made **All-Trinity League second team** as a 2020 junior.

As a sophomore in 2019, he was **Cal-Hi Sports Sophomore All-American first team** and **All-Trinity League first team.**

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Business Administration at USC.

(18) JOEY OLSEN
Tight End, 6-5, 246, R-Fr.
Lake Oswego, Ore. (Lakeridge HS)

2025: Olsen will compete for playing time at tight end as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Olsen saw action in 1 game (Minnesota) at tight end as a true freshman in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: Olsen, a four-star recruit, was rated as the No. 1 player in the state of Oregon by On3 and ESPN, No. 2 by Rivals and No. 3 by 247Sports. He was touted as the No. 13 tight end in the country by ESPN, No. 15 On3, No. 23 by Rivals and No. 33 by ESPN. He was ranked 200th on the ESPN 300 list.

Olsen is the statistical leader in two Lakeridge (Ore.) HS football records: career receptions (119) and career yards (2,303). As a senior, he tallied 36 receptions for 650 yards (18.1 avg.) with 11 TDs helping Lakeridge finish 5th in the state, the team's best finish in a decade. He earned **2023 Oregon All-State 6A First Team** and **2023 All-Three Rivers League First Team honors.** He was also selected to the **2023 Preseason All-State Team.**

As a junior in 2022, he recorded 32

receptions for 578 yards (18.1 avg.) with 9 TDs. He was named to the **2022 Oregon All-State 6A Second Team** and **2022 All-Three Rivers League First Team.** Additionally, he was invited to compete at the **2022 National Combine at the All-American Bowl.**

As a sophomore in 2021, he collected 28 receptions for 727 yards (26.0 avg.) and 7 TDs. Additionally, he rushed for 3 yards on 2 carries (1.5 avg.). He was named an **Oregon All-State Honorable Mention** and to the **2021 All-Three Rivers League First Team.**

As a freshman, he collected 22 receptions for 347 yards (15.8 avg.) and 4 TDs and earned placement on the **2020-21 All-Three Rivers League First Team.**

A multisport-athlete, Olsen also competed in baseball, basketball and track and field.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

(72) ELIJAH PAIGE
Offensive Lineman, 6-7, 320, R-So.
Phoenix, Ariz. (Pinnacle HS)

CAREER: In his 2-year career, Paige has seen action in 18 games with 13 starts (all at left tackle).

2025: Paige, a veteran presence in the Trojan trenches, will return to lead the offensive line in 2025.

2024: Paige started all 13 games as a redshirt freshman in 2024 at left tackle. He was named to the **FWAA Freshman All-American Team** and was an **All-Big Ten Honorable Mention.** He was crucial to the success of the USC offense this season. USC finished the regular season ranked No. 10 in the nation in passing offense (291.9) and No. 1 in the Big Ten and No. 23 in the nation in total offense (437.2) and second in the Big Ten.

2023: Paige, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2023 after graduating a semester early from high school, saw action in 5 games (San Jose State, Nevada, Stanford, UCLA and the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville) on the offensive line making 1 start (Holiday Bowl) at left tackle as a true freshman in 2023.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made the **2022 Arizona 6A Northeast Valley All-Region l**ist as a senior offensive lineman at Pinnacle (Ariz.) HS. He was one of four player-elected captains for the 2022 Pinnacle squad.

Paige primarily saw action at left tackle as a 2021 junior.

He also played basketball for Pinnacle.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC. He was named to the **2024 Big Ten Fall All-Academic Team.**

(94) KOBE PEPE
Defensive Tackle, 6-2, 335, R-Sr.
Long Beach, Calif. (St. John Bosco HS)

CAREER: He has appeared in 16 games in his career, tallying 22 tackles and 1 PBU.

2025: Pepe will battle for playing time on the defensive line as a redshirt senior in 2025.

2024: Pepe recorded 19 tackles and 1 PBU while seeing action in all 13 games as a redshirt senior defensive tackle in 2024.

2023: Pepe appeared in 4 games (San Jose State, Nevada, Stanford and the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville) on the defensive line as a redshirt junior in 2023. He recorded 4 tackles (2 against Nevada and 1 versus Stanford and Louisville).

2022: Pepe saw action in 1 game versus Colorado as a redshirt sophomore in 2022.

2021: Pepe was sidelined as a redshirt freshman defensive lineman in 2021 after having right shoulder surgery.

2020: Pepe, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2020 after graduating a semester early from high school, was a backup defensive lineman as a first-year freshman in 2020. Overall, in 2020 while appearing in 2 games (Utah and Washington State), he had 3 tackles (all versus Washington State).

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2019 PrepStar All-American, Tacoma News Tribune Western 100, Cal-Hi Sports All-State first team, All-CIF Division 1 Defensive Player of the Year, Los Angeles Times All-Area first team, Southern California News Group All-Region, Long Beach Press Telegram Dream Team first team** and **All-Trinity League Most Valuable Defensive Lineman** as a senior defensive tackle at St. John Bosco High in Bellflower (Calif.). He had 80 tackles, including 12.5 for losses (with 11 sacks), 5 deflections and a forced fumble in 2019. St. John Bosco won the 2019 CIF Division 1 and California State Open championships.

As a junior in 2018, he made **Cal-Hi Sports Junior All-State honorable mention** while getting 68 tackles, including 5 for losses (with a sack), plus a deflection and a forced fumble.

He had 19 tackles and 2 deflections as a 2017 sophomore.

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Social Sciences with an emphasis in Psychology and minors in Real Estate Development and American Studies in the spring of 2024. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in Gerontology – Aging Services Management. He was named after late Lakers star Kobe Bryant.

(31) HANK PEPPER
Long Snapper, 6-1, 210, R-Sr.
Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler HS / Michigan State)

CAREER: In his 4-year career (3 seasons at Michigan State [2021-23] and 1 season at USC), he saw action in in 35 games. He has recorded 12 tackles and 2 fumble recoveries.

2025: Pepper returns as USC's starting long snapper as a redshirt senior in 2025.

2024: Pepper saw action in all 13 games as USC's starting long snapper as a redshirt junior in 2024. He tallied 9 fair catches forced, 6 downed punts and 3 tackles. He also recorded a crucial play against Wisconsin by recovering a muffed punt at the Badgers' 30-yard line. This play by Pepper gave the Trojans a short field which ultimately resulted in a USC score. He was double teamed or blocked in coverage multiple times throughout the season showing his impact on punt coverage. He recorded 1 tackle against LSU and 2 tackles against Nebraska. He was named to the **All-Big Ten Third Team.**

MICHIGAN STATE: In 2023, he started at long snapper in first 4 games of the season to preserve his redshirt season. He recorded 1 fumble recovery.

As a sophomore in 2022, he started at long snapper in the first 5 games of the season, but missed the final 7 games with an injury. He collected 5 tackles.

As a freshman in 2021, he served as Michigan State's starting long snapper in all 13 games for the Spartans. He tallied 4 tackles.

HIGH SCHOOL: Pepper, a three-star recruit, was ranked as the No. 1 long snapper in the nation by 247Sports and No. 2 by ESPN. He was touted as the No. 39 player in the state of Arizona by ESPN and No. 63 by 247Sports. He was also recognized as one of the top linebackers in the state of Arizona.

As a senior in 2020, he was named the **6A Conference Premier Region Defensive Player of the Year** after recording 108 tackles in 10 games, including 8 for loss (with 3 sacks), 3 forced fumbles, 3 PBUs and 1 fumble recovery. He was selected to the **MaxPreps All-State First Team** and was named the **Chandler Unified School District Defensive Player of the Year.** He helped the Wolves to an undefeated 10-0 record and their fifth consecutive state championship, including their second straight Open Division state title.

As a junior in 2019, he recorded 44 tackles, including 5 TFLs, 2 PBUs and 1 INT.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in American Popular Culture at USC.

A'MARION PETERSON

(22) A'MARION PETERSON
Running Back, 6-0, 217, R-So.
Wichita Falls, Texas (Hirschi HS)

CAREER: Through his 2-year career, Peterson has recorded 18 receptions for 79 yards (4.4 avg.), 2 receptions for 13 yards (6.5 avg) and 2 kick returns for 23 yards (11.5 avg.) while appearing in 12 games with 1 start.

2025: Peterson will compete for playing time at running back as a redshirt sophomore in 2025.

2024: Peterson saw action in 10 games and started in 1 (Las Vegas Bowl against Texas A&M) at running back as a redshirt freshman in 2024. He rushed for a total of 65 yards on 16 attempts (4.1 avg) and scored 1 TD. He also had 2 receptions for 13 yards (6.5 avg) and 2 kick returns for 23 yards (11.5 avg.).

He rushed for 18 yards on 3 carries (6.0 avg.) and 1 TD against Utah State. He tallied 4 yards on 1 carry against Rutgers. Peterson had 1 kick return for 14 yards at Washington. He

rushed for 43 yards on 12 carries (3.6 avg.), had 2 receptions for 13 yards (6.5 avg.) and 1 kick return for 9 yards at the Las Vegas Bowl against Texas A&M.

2023: Peterson, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2023 after graduating a semester early from high school saw action in 2 games (San Jose State and Stanford) at running back as a true freshman in 2023. He had 2 carries for 14 yards (7.0 avg.).

HIGH SCHOOL: He was named the **2022 All-District 3-4A Division II MVP** as a senior running back at Hirschi (Texas) HS. He was selected to be on the final ballot for the 2022 Whataburger Super Team and named to 2022 Mr. Texas Football Player of the Year Top 100 Watch List.

In 2022, Peterson rushed for 330 yards on 24 carries (13.8 avg.) with 6 TDs and caught 3 passes for 54 yards, helping Hirschi go 9-3 overall and place first in its district.

As a junior, he rushed for 1,817 yards on 238 carries (7.6 avg.) with 28 TDs and caught 15 passes for 181 yards and 2 TDs. He also tossed 1 TD pass for 85 yards. He was named the **Texas District 4-4A-I Offensive MVP** and selected to the **2021 Third Team All-North Texas.**

Peterson was a **2020 Texas District 4-4A D-I First Team** selection as a sophomore.

He also ran track at Hirschi HS.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC. He was named to the **2024 Big Ten Fall All-Academic Team.**

(24) CHRISTIAN PIERCE
Safety, 6-1, 200, Jr.
Fontana, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga HS)

CAREER: Through his 2-year career, Pierce has recorded 9 tackles while appearing in 23 games, mostly on special teams.

2025: Pierce will compete for playing time at safety as a junior in 2025.

2024: Pierce saw action in 13 games, mostly on special teams, as a sophomore in 2024. He recorded 8 tackles.

He had 1 tackle against LSU. He recorded 1 tackle against Utah State. He tallied 3 tackles against Rutgers. He had 1 tackle against Nebraska. He recorded 2 tackles in the Las Vegas Bowl against Texas A&M.

2023: Pierce, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2023 after graduating a semester early from high school, saw action in 10 games (all except Colorado, Arizona and the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville), mostly on special teams, as a true freshman in 2023. He recorded 7 tackles.

He had 1 tackle against Nevada, Stanford and Notre Dame. He collected 3 tackles versus Oregon and 1 tackle in the Holiday Bowl against Louisville.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was named to the **2022 All-Baseline League** and selected as the **League Defensive MVP a**s a safety at Rancho Cucamonga (Calif.) HS.

In 2022, he recorded 65 tackles with 4.5 for loss and 3.0 sacks. He also tallied 3 INTs, 4 PBUs and 1 fumble recovery.

As a junior, he was named to the **2021 All-CIF Southern Section Division 3 t**eam after he led the varsity team with 103 tackles and 1.0 for loss with 1.0 sack. He also tallied 9 INTs, 5 PBUs and 1 fumble recovery.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Astronomy at USC.

(39) GARRETT POMERANTZ
Defensive End, 6-2, 220, R-Jr.
Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman HS)

2025: Pomerantz will compete for playing time at defensive end as a redshirt junior in 2025.

2024: Pomerantz did not see action at defensive end as a redshirt sophomore in 2024.

2023: Pomerantz did not see action at rush end as a redshirt freshman in 2023.

2022: Pomerantz did not see action at rush end as a freshman in 2022.

HIGH SCHOOL: He had 31 tackles, including 3 sacks, and 1 interception for a TD as a 2021 senior linebacker at Bishop O'Gorman High in Las Vegas (Nev.). Bishop Gorman won the 2021 state Class 5A championship.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Health Promotion at USC. He earned placement on the **2023 Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll** and the **2024 Big Ten Fall All-Academic Team.**

(51) RYAN QUINTANAR
Linebacker, 5-10, 220, R-Sr.
Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola HS / TCU)

2025: Quintanar will compete for playing time at linebacker as a redshirt senior in 2025.

2024: Ryan Quintanar saw action in 8 games predominately on special teams as a redshirt junior in 2024.

TCU: As a redshirt junior in 2023, he appeared in 4 games and tallied 1 tackle. He also earned 2023 First Team Academic All-Big 12 honors.

As a redshirt sophomore in 2022, he appeared in 1 game and recorded 1 tackle.

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Finance with a concentration in Real Estate from TCU in the spring of 2024. He is currently pursuing a master's in Urban Planning with a concentration in Housing Real Estate Development.

KAMARI RAMSEY

(7) KAMARI RAMSEY
Safety, 6-0, 202, R-Jr.
Palmdale, Calif. (Sierra Canyon HS / UCLA)

CAREER: Through his 2-year career (1 season at UCLA and 1 season at USC), Ramsey has recorded 100 tackles, including 8 for loss of 37 yards (with 2 sacks for minus 19 yards), 9 PBUs, 3 QB hurries, 2 forced fumbles and 2 INTs while appearing and starting in 22 games.

2025: Ramsey, one of the nation's top defenders, returns to USC to lead the defensive backs as a redshirt junior safety in 2025.

2024: Ramsey recorded 60 tackles (tied for third on the team), including 5.5 for loss of 26 yards (with 2 sacks for minus 19 yards), 5 PBUs, 2 forced fumbles, 1 INT and 1 QB hurry while appearing and starting in 11 games (all but Rutgers and Washington) as a redshirt sophomore in 2024. He was named an **All-Big Ten Honorable Mention.**

He tallied 9 tackles versus LSU and was named the **LOTT Impact Player of the Week** for his performance. He had 3 tackles, including 1 for loss of 1 yard (with 1 sack for minus 1 yard), and 1 forced fumble against Utah State. He accounted for 3 tackles and 1 PBU versus Michigan. He collected 4 tackles, including 2 for loss of 6 yards against Wisconsin and 1 tackle at Minnesota with 1 forced fumble and 1 QB hurry. He had 10 tackles, including 0.5 for loss of no yards, with 2 PBUs against Penn State. He tallied 7 tackles, including 1 for loss of 18 yards (with 1 sack for minus 18 yards) at Maryland. He accounted for 6 tackles, including 1 for loss of 1 yard, versus Nebraska and 2 tackles against UCLA. He had 8 tackles versus Notre Dame and 7 tackles with 1 INT against Texas A&M in the Las Vegas Bowl. Ramsey

UCLA: As a redshirt freshman in 2023, he recorded 40 tackles, including 2.5 for loss for 11 yards, 4 PBUs, 2 QB hurries and 1 INT while appearing in 11 games with 11 starts.

Ramsey redshirted as a true freshman in 2022, but appeared in 4 games and collected 6 tackles.

HIGH SCHOOL: Ramsey, a four-star recruit, was touted as the No. 10 safety in the nation by ESPN. He was rated the No. 12 prospect in the state of California by Rivals, No. 13 by ESPN and No. 14 by 247Sports. He was named a **2022 Polynesian Bowl All-Star.**

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC. While at UCLA, he earned placement on the **2023 Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll.** He also was named to the **UCLA Athletic Director's Honor Roll for Fall 2022, Spring 2023 and Fall 2023.**

(73) TOBIAS RAYMOND
Offensive Lineman, 6-6, 315, R-So.
Ventura, Calif. (Ventura HS)

2025: Raymond will compete for playing time on the offensive line as a redshirt sophomore in 2025.

2024: Raymond appeared in all 13 games as a redshirt freshman in 2024, with 1 start against Texas A&M in the Las Vegas Bowl.

2023: Raymond redshirted as a true freshman offensive lineman in 2023, but saw action in 2 games (Nevada and Stanford).

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2023 PrepStar All-Western Region** as a senior offensive lineman at Ventura (Calif.) HS. He was named the **2022 All-Channel League Offensive Lineman of the Year,** the **Ventura HS Tyler Ebell Offensive MVP** and the **Ventura High Offensive Lineman of the Year.**

As a 2021 junior, Raymond received the **CIF Lineman of the Year Award** while playing offensive tackle and defensive lineman. In 2021, he was selected to the **All-CIF Southern Section Division 9 Team** and the **All-Ventura County Football Coaches Team.**

Raymond also played basketball, soccer and baseball.

PERSONAL: He is double majoring in Economics and Math at USC. He was named to the **2024 Big Ten Fall All-Academic Team.**

(50) J'ONRE REED
Offensive Lineman, 6-3, 322, R-Sr.
Houston, Texas (Eisenhower HS / Hutchinson CC / Syracuse)

2025: Reed, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2025 from Syracuse, looks to compete for playing time at center as a redshirt senior in 2025.

SYRACUSE: In his 2-year career at Syracuse (2023-24), he appeared and started in 25 games.

As a senior in 2024, he appeared and started in 12 games (all but Miami) at center. Per PFF, he allowed 14 quarterback pressures, and also earned a 68.3 pass-blocking grade and a 63.2 run-blocking grade.

As a junior in 2023, he started all 13 games at center. According to PFF, he was Syracuse's highest-graded pass blocker among players who played more than 300 offensive snaps.

HUTCHINGTON CC: Reed led Hutchinson (Kan.) CC to a National Junior Collee Athletic Association National Championship game appearance, finishing with an 11-1 record in 2022. He was named a **2022 NJCAA Second Team All-American.**

HIGH SCHOOL: Reed earned placement on the **All-District Second Team in 2017 and 2018.**

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

(15) JADEN RICHARDSON
Wide Receiver, 6-1, 209, R-Sr.
San Mateo, Calif. (Menlo School / Tufts)

CAREER: In his 4-year career at Tufts (2020-23), he played in 22 games with 9 starts. He recorded 92 receptions for 1,564 yards (17.0 avg.) with a long of 82 yards and 20 TDs. He had 1 kickoff return for no gain.

2025: Richardson looks to compete for playing time at wide receiver as a redshirt senior in 2024.

2024: Richardson saw action in 4 games at wide receiver as a redshirt senior in 2024. He recorded 1 reception for 19 yards against Utah State.

TUFTS: As a senior in 2023, he was named to the **All-NESCAC First Team a**nd was awarded the **2023 NESCAC Co-Offensive Player of the Year.** Additionally, Richardson earned placement on the **D3Football.com All-Region First Team** and the **D3Football.com All-American Fourth Team.** He recorded 46 receptions for 830 yards (18.0 avg.) with a team-leading 13 TDs while playing and starting in all 9 games. He was second in the NESCAC in TDs and third in receiving yards. He recorded five multi-touchdown games which led all NESCAC receivers. He also had 1 kick return for no gain.

As a junior in 2022, he tallied 41 receptions for 666 yards (16.2 avg.) while appearing in all 9 games.

As a sophomore in 2021, he had 5 catches for 68 yards (13.6 avg.) while appearing in 4 games.

His 2020 freshman season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

HIGH SCHOOL: Richardson was a **two-time All-Bay Area First Team** and **All-League selection** at Menlo HS. **A team captain**, he was named the **2019 PAL Wide Receiver of the Year.**

He was also the **team captain** of the Menlo track and field team while running the 100 and 200.

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Economics from Tufts in 2023. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in Project Management at USC. His father, Damon, ran track at UC Riverside.

(95) TYLER ROBLES
Kicker, 5-7, 175, R-So.
Encinitas, Calif. (La Costa Canyon HS)

2025: Robles will compete for playing time at kicker as a redshirt sophomore in 2025.

2024: Robles did not see action as a redshirt freshman in 2024.

2023: Robles saw action in 2 games (Nevada and the Holiday Bowl against Louisville) at kicker as a true freshman in 2023. He was 1-of-1 in PATs versus Nevada. He had 3 kickoffs in the Holiday Bowl against Louisville for 174 yards.

HIGH SCHOOL: He went 7-of-9 on field goals as a senior at La Costa Canyon (Calif.) HS, boasting a career long of 52 yards. Also made kicks from 48, 47 and 46 yards that season and went 27-of-28 on extra point attempts. He was named the **Avocado League Kicker of the Year** as a senior and led the CIF Southern Section with 47 touchbacks on 52 kickoffs.

(28) GAGE ROY
Quarterback, 6-2, 195, R-Jr.
Dallas, Texas (Jesuit Dallas HS)

2025: Roy will compete for playing time at quarterback and holder as a redshirt junior in 2024.

2024: Roy saw action in 1 game (Texas A&M) at holder as a redshirt sophomore in 2024.

2023: Roy did not see action at quarterback as a redshirt freshman in 2023.

2022: Roy did not see action at quarterback as a true freshman in 2022.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2021 All-District 7-6A first team** as a senior quarterback at Jesuit Dallas (Tex.) Prep. He completed 202-of-286 passes (70.6%) for 2,798 yards with 28 touchdowns and 4 interceptions in 2022, as well as gaining 54 yards on 32 carries (1.7 avg) with 2 TDs.

As a junior in 2020, he made **Second Team All-District** as he hit 186-of 268 passes (69.4%) for 2,714 yards with 28 TDs and 8 interceptions and he also ran for 50 yards on 30 carries (1.7 avg) with 2 scores.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Real Estate Development at USC. He earned placement on the **2023 Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll** and the **2024 Big Ten Fall All-Academic Team.** His mother and grandfather are USC graduates. His family has had USC football season tickets for more than 50 years.

(38) ISAIAH RUBIN
Cornerback, 5-11, 190, R-Fr.
Long Beach, Calif. (Los Alamitos HS)

2025: Rubin will compete for playing time at tight end as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Rubin did not see action as a true freshman in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: Rubin, a four-star recruit, was ranked the No. 25 player in the state of California by 247Sports, No. 26 by ESPN and No. 57 by On3. He was touted as the No. 32 cornerback in the country by 247Sports, No. 37 by ESPN and No. 48 by Rivals.

In addition to playing defensive back, Rubin is a talented returner on special teams.

After transferring to Los Alamitos (Calif.) HS, he helped the Griffins place first in the Sunset League in 2023 during his senior season. That season, he tallied 58 tackles, 7 INTs (including 3 pick-6's) and 4 punt returns where he scored TDs. He represented LA and participated in the **2023 Makasi Bowl.**

Rubin missed his junior 2022 season due to transferring, but played his first two years at Desert Pines (Nev.) HS.

PERSONAL: His cousin, Jordan Anderson, is a freshman wide receiver at Oregon State.

(78) MAKAI SAINA
Offensive Lineman, 6-4, 300, R-Fr.
Arlington, Texas (Martin HS)

2025: Saina will compete for playing time on the offensive line as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Saina did not see action as a true freshman in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: Saina, the four-star recruit, was touted as the No. 20 interior offensive lineman in the nation by ESPN, No. 25 by 247Sports, No. 38 by On3 and No. 50 by Rivals. He was rated as the No. 49 player in the state of Texas by Rivals, No. 62 by ESPN, No. 67 by 247Sports and No. 82 by On3. He was named a **2024 Under Armour All-American** and a **2024 Polynesian Bowl All-Star.**

After his senior year at Martin (Texas) HS, he was selected to the **2023 All-District 8-6A First Team** and was invited to compete at the **2023 Under Armour Next Camp Series.** He also earned recognition on the **2023 Dallas News Preseason All-Area Team.**

During his junior season in 2022, he helped pave the way for the area's fifth-best rushing offense in Class 6A, as Martin averaged 254.3 yards per game on the ground. It was also the area's fourth-best scoring

offense, averaging 45.4 points per game. He was an **All-District 8-6A First Team** selection. Additionally, he attended the **2022 Under Armour Power Academy Camp.**

A dual-sport athlete, he is a shot putter on Martin's track and field team.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Business Administration at USC.

(36) REY SANCHEZ
Punter, 6-2, 217, R-Jr.
Carson, Calif. (Carson HS / Long Beach City College)

2025: Sanchez will compete for playing time at punter as a redshirt junior in 2024.

2024: Sanchez did not see action as a junior punter in 2024.

LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE: As a sophomore in 2023, averaged 33.8 yards per punt on 40 punts this past season with a long of 53 yards. He pinned 14 punts inside the 20-yard line.

As a freshman in 2022, he attempted 4 punts.

HIGH SCHOOL: Sanchez was a member of the varsity football team in 2021.

He also played soccer and volleyball.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Social Sciences with an emphasis in Economics at USC.

(1) ELI SANDERS
Running Back, 5-10, 192, R-Sr.
Oceanside, Calif. (Chandler HS / Iowa State / New Mexico)

CAREER: In his 4-year career (3 seasons at New Mexico and 1 at Iowa State), Sanders has recorded 305 carries for 1,766 yards (5.8 avg.) with a long of 75 and 13 TDs through 33 games. He has also tallied 30 receptions for 268 yards (8.9 avg.) with a long of 31 and 1 TD. Additionally, he had 5 kickoff returns for 113 yards (22.6 avg.) with a long of 32.

2025: Sanders, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2025 from New Mexico, looks to compete for playing time at running back as a redshirt senior in 2025.

NEW MEXICO: As a redshirt junior in 2024, Sanders recorded 147 carries for 1,063 yards (7.2 avg.) with a long of 75 and 9 TDs through 12 games. He also tallied 15 receptions for 134 yards (8.9 avg.).

IOWA STATE: As a redshirt sophomore in 2023, Sanders tallied 102 carries for 477 yards (4.7 avg.) and 4 TDs through 9 games. He also notched 5 receptions for 43 yards (8.6 avg.) and 1 TD.

As a redshirt freshman in 2022, he recorded 47 carries for 197 yards (4.2 avg.) and 7 receptions for 51 yards (7.3 avg.). He also fielded 2 kickoff returns for 40 yards (20.0).

As a freshman in 2021, he notched 9 carries for 29 yards (3.2 avg.) and 3 receptions for 41 yards (13.7 avg.). He also recorded 3 kickoff returns for 73 yards (24.3 avg.).

HIGH SCHOOL: Sanders, a four-star recruit, was ranked as the No. 7 player in the state of Arizona by Rivals. He was touted as the No. 32 running back in the nation by Rivals.

As a senior in 2020, he led Chandler to a state title and perfect season (10-0). He ran for 1,377 yards while averaging 7.5 yards per carry. He also had team-high 23 TDs. He earned **First Team All-State a**nd was a finalist for the 2020 Ed Doherty Award.

Despite missing the first half of his junior season because of transfer rules in 2019, he rushed for 643 yards and 10 TDs to lead Chandler to the state championship.

As a sophomore at Mountain Pointe in 2018, he recorded 878 rushing yards and 11 TDs.

He also ran track at Mountain Pointe and was a member of a pair of 4X100 state champion relay teams (2019, 2021).

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

(48) RYON SAYERI
Punter/Kicker, 5-11, 180, R-Fr.
West Hills, Calif. (Chaminade HS)

2025: Sayeri will compete for playing time at punter and kicker as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Sayeri saw action in the Las Vegas Bowl against Texas A&M at punter as a freshman in 2024. He recorded 1 punt for 57 yards coming in for an injured Czaplicki.

HIGH SCHOOL: Sayeri competed in the **2024 NBC All-American Bowl.** He also was the **2022 Vegas XXXIX Class of 2024 Kickoff Champion,** the **2022 CA Spring Camp Field Goal Champion** and the **2022 Vegas XL Class of 2024 Kickoff Champion.**

As a senior in 2023, Sayeri went 12-for-15 on field goals and missed just one PAT. He holds a career-long of 57 yards. He also handled punting duties and averaged 40.3 yards per punt. He earned placement on the **2023 All-Mission League First Team.**

As a junior in 2022, he went 11-of-13 on field goals and 45-of-45 on PATs. He was named to the **2022 LA Daily News All-Area Team,** the **2022 Cal-Hi Sports All-California Team,** the **2022 Los Angeles Times All-Star Team** and the **2022 MaxPreps Preseason California All-State First Team.**

As a sophomore in 2021, he went 6-of-7 on field goals and 33-of-33 on PATs.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Accounting at USC.

BRAYLAN SHELBY

(40) SHAWN SEHRA
Cornerback, 5-9, 176, R-So.
Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Oak Park HS)

2025: Sehra looks to compete for playing time at cornerback as a redshirt sophomore in 2025.

2024: Sehra did not see action as a redshirt freshman in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a senior in 2023, he recorded 19 tackles, including 1 for loss, as well as 2 PBUs at Oak Park. He earned **2023 First Team All-County honors.**

As a junior in 2022, he earned **Second Team All-County honors.**

He also played basketball for Oak Park.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Accounting. Sehra's brother, Sunil, played ice hockey at the University of Toronto.

(10) BRAYLAN SHELBY
Defensive End, 6-5, 260, Jr.
Friendswood, Texas (Friendswood HS)

2025: Shelby, a veteran presence on the defensive, returns to make an impact as a junior in 2025.

2024: Shelby saw action in 12 games (all but Nebraska) and started in 3 games (Maryland, Rutgers and Washington) at defensive end as a sophomore in 2024. He recorded 28 total tackles (19 solo, 9 assisted), with 5 for loss of 22 yards (with 3 sacks for minus 14 yards), 1 PBU and 2 QB hurries.

He had 3 tackles, including 1 for loss of 5 yards against LSU and tallied 1 tackle against Utah State. Shelby recorded 3 tackles, including 1 for loss of 4 yards (with 1 sack for minus 4 yards) at Michigan. He had 2 tackles at Minnesota and 1 tackle against Penn State. He also recorded 3 tackles, including 1 for loss of 3 yards at Maryland. He tallied 2 tackles, 1 PBU and 1 QB hurry against Rutgers. He had 4 tackles at Washington. Shelby recorded 1 tackle, including 1 for loss of 4 yards (with 1 sack for minus 4 yards) and 1 QB hurry at UCLA. He tallied 4 tackles against Notre Dame and 4 tackles, incldluing 1 for loss of 6 yards at the Las Vegas Bowl against Texas A&M.

2023: Shelby saw action in all 13 games at rush end as a true freshman in 2023. He recorded 18 tackles, including 4 for loss (with 2 sacks) and 1 fumble recovery.

He had 1 tackle against San Jose State and 3 tackles, including 2 for loss of 10 yards (with 1 sack for minus 9 yards) and 1 fumble recovery versus Nevada. He recorded 1 tackle against Stanford and 2 tackles versus Arizona State. He collected 2 tackles, including 1 for loss of 4 yards (with 1 sack for minus 4 yards) against Arizona. He tallied 1 tackle against Utah and 1 tackle, including 1 for loss of 11 yards, versus California. He recorded 4 tackles against Washington, 2 tackles versus UCLA and 1 tackle in the Holiday Bowl against Louisville.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was a **Texas First Team 10-5A-1 All-District selection** as a 2022 senior at Friendswood (Texas) HS. He was named to the **2022 Houston TD Club Preseason Team** and was selected to be on the final ballot for the Whataburger Super Team.

In 2021, he was as a **unanimous Texas District 9-5A D-1 First Team s**election as a 2021 junior as he recorded 77 tackles, including 12 for loss (with 8 sacks).

He was a **Texas District 9-5A D-1 Second Team** selection as a 2020 sophomore.

Shelby also competed in the triple jump and was a Texas 5A regional qualifier as a 2021 junior.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Business Administration at USC. He was named to the **2024 Big Ten Fall All-Academic Team.** His father, Shannon, is a former Arkansas defensive end and his brother, Ty, played defensive end at Louisiana Monroe.

(45) BRANDON SHEPHERD
Safety, 5-11, 197, R-Jr.
La Cañada, Calif. (La Cañada HS)

2025: Shepherd will compete for playing time at safety as a redshirt junior in 2025.

2024: Shepherd did not see action as a junior in 2024**.**

2023: In his first season on the USC football team, Shepherd did not see action at safety as a sophomore in 2023.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a senior in 2021, he had 122 tackles, including 2 for loss, 3 INTs and 5 pass breakups. He also saw action at running back and wide receiver and recorded 359 yards on 48 carries (7.5 avg.) with 3 TDs. He also tallied 9 receptions for 145 yards (16.1 avg.) with 2 TDs. He was the **2021 Unanimous Rio Hondo League Defensive MVP** and **Team Defensive MVP.** He also received the **2021 Spartan Award** for his leadership, character and playing ability.

As a sophomore in 2019, he recorded 55 tackles, including 11 for loss (with 3 sacks), and 4 PBUs. He was the **2019 Team Defensive MVP.**

He also played baseball and wrestled at La Cañada.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Human Biology at USC. He was named to the **2023 Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll** and the **2024 Big Ten Fall All-Academic Team.**

(9) KEESHAWN SILVER
Defensive Tackle, 6-4, 331, R-Sr.
Rocky Mount, N.C. (Rock Mount HS / North Carolina / Kentucky)

CAREER: In his 4-year career (2 seasons at Kentucky and 2 at North Carolina), Silver has recorded 47 tackles through 30 games with 23 starts.

2025: Silver, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2025 from Kentucky, looks to compete for playing time on the defensive line as a redshirt senior in 2025. He was the No. 2 defensive lineman in the nation coming out of the transfer portal.

KENTUCKY: Silver started in all 12 games as a redshirt junior in 2024. He recorded 26 tackles, including 1 for loss (with 1 sack) and a QBH. He recorded a career-high 4 tackles, a TFL and a sack versus Auburn. He also tallied 4 tackles against Murray State.

As a redshirt sophomore in 2023, he appeared in 12 games with 11 starts. He recorded 17 tackles, including 2 for loss.

NORTH CAROLINA: As a redshirt freshman in 2022, Silver appeared in 3 games on the defensive line notching 3 tackles.

As a freshman in 2021, he saw action in 3 games and tallied 1 tackle.

HIGH SCHOOL: Silver, a five-star recruit, was rated as the No. 8 player in the nation by ESPN, No. 32 by 247Sports and No. 85 by Rivals. He was ranked as the No. 1 player in the state of North Carolina by ESPN, No. 2 by 247Sports and No. 5 by Rivals. He was touted as the No. 3 defensive end in the nation by ESPN, No. 5 by 247Sports and No. 7 by Rivals. He was selected as an **Under Armour All-American.**

Prior to his senior season in 2022, Silver was selected as a **Sports Illustrated All-American** candidate. He recorded 47 tackles with 7 sacks.

As a junior in 2021, Silver tallied 47 tackles, including 13 for loss (with 7 sacks). He earned **All-State** and **All-Big East 3-A Conference honors.**

A multisport athlete, Silver also ran track and played basketball. He averaged 7.1 points and 6.1 rebounds throughout his three-year basketball career.

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Communication Studies from Kentucky in the fall of 2024. He is now pursuing a certificate in Gerontology at USC.

(23) DESMAN STEPHENS II
Linebacker, 6-3, 232, So.
Clarkston, Mich. (Clarkston HS)

2025: Stephens II looks to build on his debut season as a sophomore linebacker in 2025.

2024: Stephens II saw action in all 13 games as a freshman linebacker in 2024. He totaled 13 tackles (8 solo, 5 assisted), including 1 for a loss of 1 yard, 1 forced fumble, 1 INT returned for 42 yards, as well as 1 QB hurry.

Stephens II had 2 tackles and 1 forced fumble against Utah State. He tallied 1 tackle and 1 INT returned for 42 yards against Penn State. He recorded 2 tackles, including 1 for a loss of 1 yard, at Maryland. He had 2 tackles against Rutgers and 2 tackles at Washington. He recorded 1 tackle against Nebraska and 1 quarterback hurry at UCLA. Stephens recorded 3 tackles at the Las Vegas Bowl against Texas A&M.

HIGH SCHOOL: Stephens II, a four-star recruit, was rated as the No. 6 player in the state of Michigan by On3, No. 9 by ESPN and 247Sports and No. 11 by Rivals. He was touted as the No. 14 linebacker in the nation by Rivals, No. 24 by On3, No. 32 by 247Sports and No. 43 by ESPN. He was invited to play in the **U.S. Army All-American Bowl.**

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During his senior year at Clarkston (Mich.) HS as a three-way player, he collected 88 tackles, 3 INTs, 6 PBUs 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery. On offense, he tallied 614 rushing yards on 64 carries (9.6 avg.) with 9 TDs and had 26 receptions for 415 yards (16.0 avg.) with 4 TDs. On special teams, he recorded 5 punt returns for 124 yards (24.8 avg.) and 1 TD and 11 kick returns for 268 yards (24.4 avg.). He earned placement on the **2023 Free Press All-North First Team,** the **2023 Michigan Associated Press Division 1-2 All-State First Team,** the **SB Michigan All-State First Team,** the **2023 AP Michigan All-State First Team** and the **2023 Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-State First Team.** He also was named to the **2023 Prep RedZone Michigan Division I Preseason All-State Defense.**

As a junior in 2022, he recorded 98 tackles, including 11 TFLs (with 2 sacks), 4 INTs (1 returned for a TD), 2 forced fumbles and 2 fumble recoveries. Offensively, he tallied 17 receptions for 325 yards (19.1 avg.) and 6 TDs and 100 rushing yards on 18 carries (5.6 avg.) with 1 TD. He was named to the **2022 Oakland Activities Association Red All-League First Team,** the **2022 Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Region First Team,** the **2022 Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-State First Team,** the **2022 Prep RedZone Division 1 All-State Team,** the **2022 Prep RedZone Defense Dream Team,** the **2022 Oakland AP Division I Second Team,** the **2022 Detroit All-North Football Team** and was selected as the **MLive Metro Detroit Dream Team All-Purpose Player.** Stephens was invited to the **2022 Under Armour Next Camp Series** and was named to the **2022 PrepRedZone Preseason D1 All-State Team.**

As a sophomore in 2021, he recorded 60 tackles and 3 INTs. On offense, had 3 receptions for 101 yards (33.7 avg.) and 1 TD.

He was also a three-year member of the varsity basketball team at Clarkston. During his 2022-23 junior season, Stephens, who helped the team to win a district championship, was the **team captain** and **team MVP,** was named to the **All-North First Team, Oakland Activities Association Red All-League Team** and the **Detroit All-State Second Team.**

(17) PRINCE STRACHAN
Wide Receiver, 6-5, 204, Jr.
Freeport, Grand Bahama (John Carroll HS / Boise State)

CAREER: In his 2-year career at Boise State (2023-24), Strachan recorded 37 receptions for 578 yards (15.6 avg.) with a long of 74 and 3 TDs while appearing in 28 games with 7 starts.

2025: Strachan, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2025 from Boise State, looks to compete for playing time at wide receiver as a junior in 2025.

BOISE STATE: As a sophomore in 2024,

Strachan tallied 25 catches for 304 yards (12.2 avg.) with a long of 37 and 1 TD.

Strachan notched 12 receptions for 274 yards (22.8 avg.) with a long of 74 and 2 TDs. He had a career-high 128 yards on 3 receptions with a career-long 74-yard reception and 1 TD against New Mexico as a freshman in 2023.

HIGH SCHOOL: Strachan was a three-star receiver coming out of high school.

As a senior in 2022, he tallied 34 catches for 773 yards (22.7 avg.) and 9 TDs. He was selected as the **All-Treasure Lakes Conference Offensive Player of the Year** and earned **All-League First Team.**

As a junior in 2021, he had a team-leading 33 receptions for 633 yards (18.6 avg.).

Strachan also ran track in high school and competed in the 400m.

PERSONAL: Strachan grew up in The Bahamas and did not start playing football until his arrival to the United States in 2019 after being relocated by Hurricane Dorian.

His brother, Michael, played wide receiver at Charleston and was selected by the Indianapolis Colts in the seventh round of the 2021 NFL Draft. He currently plays for the Washington Commanders.

He is majoring in Economics at USC.

(29) JACK STUPIN
Quarterback, 6-1, 253, R-Fr.
Newport Beach, Calif. (Tustin HS)

2025: Stupin will compete for playing time at quarterback as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Stupin did not see action as a true freshman in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: Stupin, a three-star recruit, completed 104-of-184 passes (56.5%) for 1,726 yards and 22 TDs with 9 INTs through 11 games as a senior in 2023. He also rushed for 10 yards on 14 carries (0.7 avg.) while scoring 3 TDs.

As a junior in 2022, he completed 7-of-14 passes (50.0%) for 66 yards and 1 TD. He also rushed for 1 yard on 1 carry (1.0 avg.) scoring 1 TD.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Business Administration at USC.

(61) JACK SUSNJAR
Offensive Lineman, 6-5, 313, R-So.
San Pedro, Calif. (Loyola HS)

2025: Susnjar will compete for playing time on the offensive line as a redshirt sophomore in 2025.

2024: Susnjar saw action in 2 games (LSU and Utah State) as a redshirt freshman in 2024.

2023: Susnjar redshirted and did not see action as a true freshman in 2023.

HIGH SCHOOL: He earned **2022 All-Angeles League First Team honors** and was a **2022 All-CIF Southern Section Division 6 selection** and a **2022 Cal Hi Sports All-State Team honoree** as a senior at Loyola (Calif.) HS. Carrying a GPA upwards of a 4.0, he was named a **2023 National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete.**

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Accounting at USC. He was named to the **2024 Big Ten Fall All-Academic Team.**

(24) CARSON TABARACCI
Tight End, 6-1, 222, R-Jr.
Park City, Utah (Park City HS/Utah)

2025: Tabaracci looks to compete for playing time as a redshirt junior tight end in 2025.

2024: After suffering a season-ending injury, Tabaracci did not see action at tight end as a redshirt sophomore in 2024.

2023: After moving to the offensive side of the ball to play tight end, Tabaracci recorded 1 reception for 32 yards and 4 tackles on special teams while seeing action in 12 games (all but Arizona State) as a redshirt freshman in 2023.

He had 1 reception for 32 yards in the Holiday Bowl versus Louisville. He recorded 1 tackle against Nevada and Stanford and had 2 versus Louisville.

2022: Tabaracci redshirted as a true freshman and did not see action at inside linebacker in any games in 2022.

UTAH: He spent the spring of 2022 at Utah after graduating a semester early from high school.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was **2021 PrepStar All-Midlands Region** and **All-Region 6 Offensive MVP** as he had 174 carries for 1,188 yards (6.8 avg) with 15 TDs and 23 receptions for 235 yards (10.2 avg) with 2 TDs on offense and made 19 tackles on defense (1 for a loss) as a senior running back, wide receiver, quarterback and linebacker at Park City (Utah) High.

As a 2020 junior, he had 106 carries for 728 yards (6.9 avg) with 10 TDs, 9 receptions for 131 yards (14.6 avg) with 1 TD and completed 29-of-63 passes (46.0%) for 534 yards with 8 TDs and 3 interceptions on offense and made 8 tackles (1 for a loss) on defense.

As a 2019 sophomore, he had 16 carries for 112 yards (7.0 avg) with a TD and made 4 tackles.

He also played on the basketball, track (long jump) and lacrosse teams at Park City.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communication at USC.

(65) ERWIN TAOMI
Offensive Line, 6-4, 357, R-So.
Anchorage, Alaska (St. Joseph's HS / Hancock College)

2025: Taomi will compete for playing time on the offensive line as a redshirt sophomore in 2025.

2024: Taomi did not see action as a redshirt freshman in 2024.

HANCOCK COLLEGE: Taomi played in 5 games at Hancock College as a freshman defensive lineman in 2023. He recorded 5 tackles, including 1 for loss of 2 yards.

HIGH SCHOOL: He helped St. Joseph finish 10-2 overall and 7-0 in conference to place first in the Central California Section Mountain League in 2022.

He also competed in the shot put in high school.

(74) JUSTIN TAUANUU
Offensive Lineman, 6-6, 310, R-Fr.
Huntington Beach, Calif. (Huntington Beach HS)

2025: Tauanuu will compete for playing time on the offensive line as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Tauanuu saw action in 3 games (Utah State, Rutgers, and Texas A&M) on the offensive line as a freshman in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: Tauanuu, a four-star recruit, was rated as the No. 30 player in the state of California by Rivals, No. 37 by 247Sports, No. 51 by ESPN and No. 55 by Rivals. He was touted as the No. 26 offensive tackle in the nation by 247Sports, No. 34 by Rivals, No. 60 by On3 and No. 70 by ESPN. He was selected as a **2024 Polynesian Bowl All-Star.**

After his 2023 senior season, he was named a **JPWest Media Player of the Year finalist.** He helped Huntington Beach (Calif.) HS win the 2023 Surf City Lineman Competition.

In 2022, he was selected to the **2022 All-Orange County Second Team** and the **2022 CalHiSports All-CIFSS Juniors First/Second Team.**

(8) DEVAN THOMPKINS
Defensive Tackle, 6-5, 293, R-Jr.
Stockton, Calif. (Edison HS)

CAREER: Through his 3-year career, Thompkins has recorded 25 tackles, including 2.5 for loss of 10 yards (with 1.5 sacks for minus 9 yards) and 3 PBUs through 16 games with 6 starts.

2025: Thompkins, who had a breakout season in 2024, looks to be a defensive leader as a redshirt junior defensive tackle in 2025.

2024: Thompkins appeared in 13 games with 6 starts on the defensive line as a redshirt sophomore in 2024. He recorded 24 tackles, including 2.5 for loss of 10 yards (with 1.5 sacks for minus 9 yards) and 3 PBUs.

He recorded 1 tackle, including 0.5 for loss of 3 yards (with 0.5 sacks for minus 3 yards), against Utah State. He had 1 tackle and 1 PBU versus Wisconsin and 2 tackles against Minnesota, including 1 for loss of 6 yards (with 1 sack for minus 6 yards). He recorded 2 tackles versus Penn State. He tallied 3 tackles and 1 PBU versus Maryland and 6 tackles against Rutgers. He collected 2 tackles, including 1 for loss of 1 yard, and 1 PBU at Washington. He had

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1 tackle against Nebraska and 4 tackles versus Notre Dame. Thompkins tallied 2 tackles against Texas A&M in the Las Vegas Bowl.

2023: Thompkins saw action in 2 games (Nevada and Stanford) as a redshirt freshman in 2023. He recorded 1 tackle versus Stanford. 2022: Thompkins redshirted as a first-year freshman in 2022. He saw action in 1 game against Colorado and recorded no stats.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made **2021 PrepStar All-Western Region** as he had 9 tackles, 2 deflections and a fumble recovery on defense and caught 3 passes for 24 yards (8.0 avg) on offense as a senior defensive end and tight end at Edison High in Stockton (Calif.).

He also played basketball at Edison.

He spent his first 3 years of high school at St. Mary's High in Stockton, where he played basketball and averaged 13.2 points and 7.3 rebounds as a 2021 junior after averaging 7.9 points and 6.4 rebounds as a 2020 sophomore.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in American Popular Culture at USC.

He had not played football since the sixth grade, and instead concentrated on basketball. His uncle, Larry Grant, played linebacker at City College of San Francisco (he was the 2005 NJCAA Defensive Player of the Year), at Ohio State (2006-07) and in the NFL with the San Francisco 49ers (2008, 2011-12), St. Louis Rams (2008-10), Chicago Bears (2013) and Cleveland Browns (2013), and now has been an assistant football coach in high school, junior college and college.

(68) HAYDEN TRETER
Offensive Lineman, 6-6, 305, R-Fr.
Greenwood Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek HS)

2025: Treter will compete for playing time on the offensive line as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Treter did not see action as a freshman in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: Treter, a three-star recruit, was rated as the No. 3 player in the state of Colorado by Rivals and 247Sports, No. 6 by ESPN and No. 9 by On3. He was touted as the No. 80 interior offensive lineman in the nation by ESPN, No. 82 by Rivals and No. 83 by 247Sports.

He was a **three-time 5A State Champion** as an offensive tackle at Cherry Creek (Colo.) HS. He was the **team captain** during his senior season and was named to the **2023 All-State 5A First Team,** the **2023 All-Centennial League First Team** and **2023 Colorado 5A Playmakers List** by being key factor in Cherry Creek's 2,000-yard rushing attack. The Cherry Creek offensive line was **nominated for the Playmaker's Corner 5A Offensive Playmaker of the Year award.**

After his junior season, he earned placement on the **2022 All-Centennial League Second Team.**

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Law, History and Culture at USC. His father, Jon, was a linebacker at Colorado. His uncle, Scott, attended USC.

(31) JADYN WALKER
Linebacker, 6-2, 231, R-Fr.
Portage, Mich. (Portage Northern HS)

2025: Walker will compete for playing time at linebacker as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Walker saw action in 1 game in the Las Vegas Bowl versus Texas A&M as a freshman in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: Walker, a three-star recruit, was ranked the No. 16 player in the state of Michigan by ESPN, No. 18 by 247Sports and No. 22 by On3. He was touted as the No. 64 linebacker in the nation by ESPN, No. 85 by 247Sports and No. 95 by On3.

Walker was a two-way player in high school seeing action at linebacker and wide receiver. During his senior year in 2023, he tallied 31 receptions for 508 yards (16.4 avg.) with 5 TDs. On defense, he recorded 34 tackles and 2 INTs. He earned placement on the **2023 Associated Press Division 1 & 2 All-State First Team,** the **2023 MHSCFA All-State Division 2 First Team,** the **2023 All-SMAC First Team** and prior to the season, was selected to the **2023 Prep Redzone Michigan Division 2 Preseason All-State Offense.**

As a junior in 2022, he was named to the **All-SMAC First Team.**

Walker also played basketball for Portage Northern.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Communications at USC.

(25) MARCELLES WILLIAMS
Cornerback, 5-11, 185, R-Fr.
Carson, Calif. (St John Bosco HS)

2025: Williams will compete for playing time at cornerback as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Williams saw action in 1 game (Utah State) at cornerback as a true freshman in 2024 recording 1 tackle for a loss of 1 yard.

HIGH SCHOOL: Williams, a four-star recruit, was touted as the No. 5 cornerback in the country by 247Sports, No. 9 by ESPN, No. 12 by Rivals and No. 24 by On3. He was rated as the No. 6 player in the state of California by 247Sports, No. 11 by ESPN and Rivals and No. 19 by On3. He was ranked as the No. 76 recruit in the nation by 247Sports, No. 87 by Rivals and No. 92 by ESPN. He is 77th on the Top247 list, 89th on the Rivals 250 and 93rd on the ESPN 300. He was selected as a **2024 Polynesian Bowl All-Star** and was invited to participate at the **2024 NBC All-American Bowl.**

During his senior season, he helped football powerhouse St. John Bosco (Calif.) to win the **2023 CIF State Football Open Division Championship.** He recorded 65 tackles, 2 INTs 8 PBUs and 1 blocked field goal in 2023. Williams was named to the **2023 All-Trinity League First Team,** the **2023 LA Times All-Star Team** and was selected as a **2023 Los Angeles Rams High School All-Star.** Prior to the season, he earned placement on the **2023 MaxPreps Preseason All-American First Team.**

In 2022, Williams helped the Braves to be crowned National Champions for the third time in 10 years. That season, he tallied 46 tackles, 2 INTs and 4 PBUs. He was named to the **2022 MaxPreps Junior All-American First Team, 2022 All-CIF Southern Section Division I Team** and **2022 All-Trinity League First Team. P**rior to the season, he was selected to the **2022 MaxPreps Preseason All-State First Team.**

As a sophomore in 2021, he racked up 42 tackles and 7 PBUs. He earned placement on the **2021 MaxPreps Sophomore All-American First Team.**

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Journalism at USC. Williams also wrote for his school's paper. Williams has two older brothers who play(ed) college football: Max who was a safety at USC and Macen who is a redshirt senior at Arizona State.

(56) DJ WINGFIELD
Offensive Lineman, 6-3, 310, R-Sr.
Los Angeles, Calif. (Redondo Unio HS / El Camino JC / New Mexico / Purdue)

2025: Wingfield, who transferred to USC in the spring of 2025 from Purdue, looks to compete for playing time on the offensive line as a redshirt senior in 2025.

PURDUE: He started on the offensive line in all 12 games at right guard as a redshirt senior in 2024.

NEW MEXICO: As a redshirt junior in 2023, Wingfield saw action in nine games at right tackle in his return from injury. The Lobos recorded 4,927 yards of total offense in 2023.

As a junior in 2022 , he appeared in the season opener, but sustained a season-ending injury.

EL CAMINO JC: Wingfield 9layed all 22 games over 2 seasons (2020-21) at El Camino. He was named to the **Southern California Football Association National Division Central League All-Second Team.** According to ESPN, he was the No. 5 JUCO prospect in the state of California.

HIGH SCHOOL: Wingfield helped Redondo Union place third in the Bay League in 2019.

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Psychology from Purdue in the fall of 2023. He is now pursuing a certificate in Gerontology at USC.

(83) DONOVAN WOOD
Wide Receiver, 6-0, 206, R-Sr.
Mastic, N.Y. (Chaminade HS / Middlebury)

CAREER: In his 4-year collegiate career (3 seasons at Middlebury and 1 at USC), he recorded 131 receptions for 2,246 yards (17.1 avg.) with a long of 42 yards and 19 TDs. He has also recorded 1 carry for a 3-yard gain.

2025: Wood will compete for playing time at wide receiver as a redshirt senior in 2025.

2024: Wood did not see action as a redshirt senior in 2024.

MIDDLEBURY: As a senior in 2023, Wood collected 45 receptions for 718 yards (16.0 avg.) and 6 TDs. He also recorded 1 carry for a 3-yard gain. He was named to the **All-NESCAC Second Team.** He helped Middlebury win the **2023 NESCAC Championship.**

As a junior in 2022, he tallied 54 receptions for 938 yards (17.4 avg.) and 11 TDs.

He earned placement on the **2022 D2football.com All-Region Third Team** and the **2022 All-NESCAC First Team.**

As a sophomore in 2021, he recorded 32 receptions for 590 yards (18.4 avg.) and 2 TDs. He was named to the **2021 All-NESCAC Second Team.**

His 2020 freshman season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a senior in 2019, Wood collected 30 receptions for 464 yards (15.5 avg.) and 7 TDs. He saw action on special teams handling kickoffs, punts, kickoff returns and punt returns.

As a junior in 2018, he recorded 14 receptions for 103 yards (7.4 avg.).

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in the spring of 2024 while double majoring in Computer Science and Economics at Middlebury. He is now pursuing his master's degree in Project Management at USC. While at Middlebury, he earned **2022 and 2023 College Sports Communicators Academic All-District and 2021, 2022 and 2023 NESCAC All-Academic.**

(44) JOSIAH ZAMORA
Wide Receiver, 5-8, 180, R-Sr.
Monrovia, Calif. (Mater Dei HS)

2025: Zamora will compete for time at wide receiver as a redshirt senior in 2025.

2024: Zamora saw action in 8 games as a redshirt junior in 2024. He recorded 1 kick return for 17 yards in the Las Vegas Bowl against Texas A&M.

2023: Zamora saw action in 3 games (Nevada, Stanford and Oregon) as a redshirt sophomore in 2023. He recorded 2 catches for 11 yards (5.5 avg.) against Nevada.

2022: Zamora did not see action as a reserve wide receiver as a redshirt freshman in 2022.

2021: Zamora did not see action as a reserve wide receiver as a first-year freshman in 2021.

HIGH SCHOOL: He made the **2021 All-Trinity League first team** as a senior wide receiver at Mater Dei High in Santa Ana (Calif.). As a senior, he had 24 receptions for 255 yards (10.6 avg) with 4 TDs.

As a 2019 junior, he caught 24 passes for 251 yards (10.5 avg) with 5 TDs before suffering a broken foot that required surgery.

He had 13 receptions for 211 yards (16.2 avg) with 2 scores as a 2018 sophomore.

He spent his 2017 freshman season at Cathedral High in Los Angeles (Calif.), where he caught 43 passes for 708 yards (16.5 avg) with 7 TDs.

PERSONAL: He earned his bachelor's degree in Law, History and Culture in the spring of 2024. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in Entrepreneurship. He earned placement on the **2022 and 2023 Pac-12 Academic Honor Roll** and the **2024 Big Ten Fall All-Academic Team.** He was recognized as a **Stevens Scholar** in the spring of 2024 for graduating with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. His brother, Seth, is a freshman wide receiver on the USC football team.

(82) SETH ZAMORA
Wide Receiver, 5-9, 170, R-Fr.
Monrovia, Calif. (Centennial HS)

2025: Zamora will compete for playing at wide receiver as a redshirt freshman in 2025.

2024: Zamora did not see action as a true freshman in 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL: As a senior in 2023, he tallied 27 catches for 330 yards (12.2 avg.) and 2 TDs. He also threw 2 passes going 2-of-2 (100.0%) for 66 yards and 2 TDs. He helped Centennial reach the CIF Southern Section Semifinal game.

As a junior in 2022, he recorded 15 catches for 230 yards (15.3 avg.) and 1 TD. He also tallied 1 carry for no gain.

His sophomore season, he played on varsity at Mater Dei.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in Law, History and Culture at USC. His brother, Josiah, is a redshirt senior wide receiver on the USC football team.

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SPRING ENROLLMENT
HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS

NAME	POS	HGT	WGT	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
Floyd Boucard	DT	6-3	311	Montreal, Quebec (Miami Central)
Trestin Castro	CB	6-1	181	Upland, Calif. (Upland)
Aaron Dunn	OL	6-8	291	Spanish Fork, Utah (Spanish Fork)
Alex Graham	CB	6-0	193	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Technical)
Cash Jacobsen	DT	6-4	298	Jenks, Okla. (Jenks)
James Johnson	CB	5-9	192	Douglasville, Ga. (Douglas County)
Husan Longstreet	QB	6-0	202	Corona, Calif. (Centennial)
Steve Miller	S	6-1	185	Greensboro, Ga. (Greene County)
Alex Payne	OL	6-5	292	Gainesville, Ga. (Gainesville)
Corey Simms	WR	6-3	200	Saint Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers College)
Jahkeem Stewart	DE	6-5	290	Reserve, La. (Edna Karr)
Taniela Tupou	TE	6-3	245	Carmichael, Calif. (Folsom)
Elijah Vaikona	OL	6-8	362	London, U.K. (Santa Margarita Catholic)
Willi Wascher	OL	6-2	303	Bellevue, Wash. (Bellevue)
Riley Wormley	RB	5-9	178	Euless, Texas (Carroll)

FALL ENROLLMENT
HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS

NAME	POS	HGT	WGT	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
Gus Cordova	DE	6-5	255	Austin, Texas (Lake Travis HS)
Harry Dalton III	RB	6-0	205	Dinwiddie, Va. (Dinwiddie Couny HS)
Tanook Hines	WR	6-0	175	Houston, Texas (Dekaney HS)
Romero Ison	WR	5-11	175	Gwyn Oak, Md. (Milford Mill Academy)
Kendarius Reddick	DB	5-11	175	Thomasville, Ga. (Thomas County Central HS)
Matai Tagoa'i	LB	6-4	200	San Clemente, Calif. (San Clemente HS)

SPRING ENROLLEE TRANSFERS

NAME	POS	HGT	WGT	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/LAST SCHOOL)
Caden Chittenden	K	5-10	175	Las Vegas, Nev. (Faith Lutheran / UNLV)
Bishop Fitzgerald	S	5-11	198	Woodbridge, Va. (Gar-Field/Coffeyville CC / NC State)
DJ Harvey	CB	5-10	186	Palmdale, Calif. (Sierra Canyon / Virginia Tech / San José State)
Sam Huard	QB	6-1	210	Bellevue, Wash. (Kennedy Catholic / Washington / Cal Poly / Utah)
Jamaal Jarrett	DT	6-5	349	Greensboro, N.C. (Grimsley / Georgia)
Sam Johnson	P	6-3	230	Birmingham, Ala. (Oak Mountain / Alabama / Jackson State / Valparaiso)
Waymond Jordan	RB	5-9	209	Pensacola, Fla. (Escambia / Hutchinson CC)
Kevin Longstreet	CB	5-9	184	Corona, Calif. (Inglewood / Louisville / Texas A&M)
J'Onre Reed	OL	6-3	322	Houston, Texas (Eisenhower / Hutchinson CC / Syracuse)
Eli Sanders	RB	5-10	192	Oceanside, Calif. (Chandler / Iowa State / New Mexico)
Keeshawn Silver	DT	6-4	331	Rocky Mount, N.C. (Rocky Mount / North Carolina / Kentucky)
Prince Strachan	WR	6-5	204	Freeport, Grand Bahama (John Carrol / Boise State)
DJ Wingfield	OL	6-3	310	Los Angeles, Calif. (Redondo Union / El Camino CC / New Mexico /Purdue)

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HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS

NAME	POS	HGT	WGT	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
Jadyn Ramos	DE	6-5	240	Conroe, Texas (Conroe HS)
AJ Tuitele	LB	6-3	205	North Las Vegas, Nev. (Mojave HS)

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FLOYD BOUCARD

Boucard, a four-star recruit, was rated as the No. 57 player in the state of Florida by ESPN, No. 61 by 247Sports, No. 80 by On3 and No. 90 by Rivals. He was touted as the No. 31 defensive lineman in the country by ESPN, No. 41 by Rivals, No. 53 by On3 and No. 63 by 247Sports. He played his senior season in 2024 at Miami Central where he was nominated for the 2024 Player of the Year in South Florida. Boucard was invited to compete at the 2024 Rivals Camp and the 2024 Under Armour Next Camp in Atlanta where he was named the defensive lineman MVP. As a junior in 2023, Boucard competed for Mobile Christian in Alabama where he helped the Leopards to a perfect 15-0 season and win the Alabama 3A State Championship. He totaled 85 tackles, including 27 for loss (with 11 sacks) and limited opponents to less than 10 points per game. He also recorded snaps at tight end and running back. Boucard earned placement on the 2023 3A All-State First Team, the 2023 Press-Register All-Coastal First Team and the 2023 Alabama Sports Writers Association All-State First Team. He was also invited to compete at the 2023 Rivals Camp and the 2023 Mercer Mega Camp. Originally from Montreal, Quebec City, Boucard grew up playing hockey. He is majoring in Communication at USC.

TRESTIN CASTRO

Castro, a four-star recruit, was ranked as the No. 178 player in the nation by On3 and No. 208 by 247Sports. He was rated as the No. 14 player in the state of California by On3, No. 19 by 247Sports, No. 24 by ESPN and No. 28 by Rivals. He was touted as the No. 20 cornerback in the country by On3, No. 25 by 247Sports, No. 28 by ESPN and No. 31 by Rivals. He was ranked nationally 196th on the On300 List, No. 206 on the Top247 List and No. 260 on the ESPN 300 List. Castro was selected as a 2025 Polynesian Bowl All-Star. After being slowed by a minor injury in 2024, Castro recorded 25 tackles, including 4 for loss (with 1 sack), 2 INTs returned for 25 yards (12.5 avg.) and 4 PBUs. A two-way player, he also tallied 17 receptions for 257 yards (15.1 avg.) and 2 TDs. He was ranked as the No. 9 defensive back in the CIF-SS per Sports Illustrated and was named a 2024 Rams High School All-Star. Prior to the season, he was named to the 2024 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-State First Team. He was invited to compete at the 2024 Under Armour Next Camp in Los Angeles where he was named On3 MVP. As a junior in 2023, Castro was a two-way playmaker with 25 receptions for 472 yards (18.9 avg.) and 7 TDs. On defense, he recorded 36 tackles, including 2 for loss, 12 PBUs, 4 INTs, and 1 fumble recovery. On special teams, he recorded 1 kickoff return for 28 yards. After Upland won the 2023 Baseline League Championship, he was named the 2023 All-Baseline League Defensive MVP and earned placement on the 2023 All-CIF Division 2 Team and the 2023 All-Inland Football First Team. He was invited to the 2023 Premium Invitational and the 2023 Under Armour Next Camp in Los Angeles. As a sophomore in 2022, Castro had a breakout campaign tallying 58 tackles, including 1 for loss (with 1 sack), 7 INTs, 6 PBUs and 2 fumble recoveries. He was selected to the 2022 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Second Team. Castro also participated in track, competing the 100, 200, 400 and high jump.

CADEN CHITTENDEN

(See bio in veteran players section.)

GUS CORDOVA

Cordova, a three-star recruit, is regarded as one of the Austin area's top edge rushers. He is rated as the No. 61 player in the state of Texas by Rivals, No. 66 by ESPN and No. 103 by On3. He is touted as the No. 25 defensive lineman in the nation by Rivals, No. 57 by ESPN, No. 74 by On3 and No. 144 by 247Sports. He was named a Top 50 high school player in Central Texas and a top 10 defensive lineman in the Austin area by Austin American-Statesman. As a senior in 2024, he recorded 65 tackles, including 16 for loss (with 9 sacks), 3 QBHs, 2 fumble recoveries, 1 PBU and 1 forced fumble. He was invited to compete in the 2024 Under Armour Next Camp in Houston. As a junior, Cordova helped Lake Travis to an 11-3 record and the Texas 6A D-I Regional Final. He recorded 65 tackles, including 5 for loss (with 2 sacks) and 7 QBHs and earned placement on the 2023 All-District 26-6A First Team. As a sophomore, he contributed 59 tackles, including 3 for loss (with 1 sack), 1 QBH and 1 fumble recovery. Cordova was named the 2022 District 26-6A Defensive Newcomer of the Year.

HARRY DALTON III

Dalton, a four-star recruit, played quarterback in high school, but will move to running back at the collegiate level. He was rated as the No. 5 player in the state of Virginia by On3, No. 12 by ESPN and Rivals and No. 24 by 247Sports. He was touted as the No. 17 running back in the country by On3, No. 22 by ESPN, No. 33 by Rivals and No. 48 by 247Sports. Throughout his high school career, the left-handed Dalton recorded 5,939 passing yards with 67 TDs and 5,143 rushing yards with 93 TDs for 11,282 total yards with 160 TDs. He is the Richmond area all-time leader in both career yards and touchdowns. He averaged 40 TDs per season while in high school. As a senior in 2024, Dalton went 152-of-287 (.530) for 2,243 yards and 24 TDs. He recorded 200 carries for 1,425 yards (7.1 avg.) with 24 TDs. He helped Dinwiddie County win the 2024 Central District Championship, was named the Region 4B Player of the Year and was selected to the All-Region First Team as a quarterback. As a junior, he went 107-of-203 for 1,662 yards with 16 TDs. He ran for 1,295 yards on 175 carries with 27 TDs. On defense, he recorded 25 tackles, 2 PBUs and 1 INT. On special teams, he recorded 22 punts for 833 yards (37.9 avg.) with 7 inside the 20. Dalton was named the 2023 Region 4B Offensive Player of the Year and 804 Mr. Football for 2023. He was also selected to the 2023 All-State Utility First Team and the 2023 All-Metro First Team. As a sophomore in 2022, Dalton went 114-of-197 for 2,034 yards and 28 TDs. He tallied 194 carries for 1,966 yards (10.1 avg.) and 32 TDs. On special teams, he recorded 6 punts for 224 yards (37.3 avg.) with 4 inside the 20. He broke the Richmond-area record for touchdowns in a season with 60 (28 passing, 32 rushing). He helped Dinwiddie County win the 2022 4A State Championship and the 2022 Region 4B Title. He was named the 2022 Region 4B Offensive Player of the Year, the 2022 All-Metro Co-Player of the Year and the 2022 VHSL 4A State Offensive Player of the Year. Dalton was selected to the 2022 All-Metro First Team and the 2022 Region B First team. As a freshman in 2021, he recorded 71 carries for 661 yards (9.3 avg.) with 9 TDs. He tallied 3 receptions for 49 yards and 1 TD. On defense, he recorded 4 tackles. On special teams, he recorded 4 kickoff returns for 93 yards (23.2 avg.) with a long of 36.

AARON DUNN

Dunn, a four-star recruit, was ranked as the No. 76 player in the nation by ESPN and No. 150 by 247Sports. He was rated as the No. 2 player in the state of Utah by On3, 247Sports and ESPN and the No. 4 player by Rivals. He was touted as the No. 9 offensive tackle in the country by ESPN, No. 17 by 247Sports, No. 24 by On3 and No. 33 by Rivals. He was 76th on the ESPN 300 and No. 147 on the Top 247 List. Most of his snaps in high school were at right tackle, but he also took reps on the left. He helped Spanish Ford reach the 4A State Championship game. He was invited to participate in the 2024 Under Armour Next Camp in Salt Lake City. In 2023, Dunn primarily played right tackle as a junior and received part-time snaps on the defensive line. He earned placement on the 2023 4A All-State First Team and was named the 2023 Region 8 Offensive Lineman MVP. Dunn also played basketball and was a 2023-24 Deseret News 5A All-State honorable mention after he averaged 17.2 points, 6.8 rebounds and 2.6 assists per game in his junior campaign. He finished his sophomore basketball season averaging 14.6 points, 5.1 rebounds and 1.1 assists per game. He is majoring in Psychology at USC.

BISHOP FITZGERALD

(See bio in veteran players section.)

ALEX GRAHAM

Graham, a four-star recruit, was rated as the No. 5 player in the state of Michigan by 247Sports, No. 6 by ESPN, No. 8 by Rivals and No. 10 by On3. He was touted as the No. 36 cornerback in the country by 247Sports, No. 41 by ESPN, No. 54 by Rivals and No. 65 by On3. Graham was a three-phase player who was a threat as a receiver and return man as well as a defensive back. In 2024, he helped Cass Tech go 12-2 (5-1 in league) to rank No. 1 in the state. Graham played a pivotal role in Cass Tech winning the 2024 Detroit Public School League Blue City Championship, the 2024 Division 1 Region 4 Championship and the 2024 Division 1 State Championship. He was named to the 2024 Prep RedZone All-State Championship Defense and the 2024 MHSFCA All-Region First Team. Before the season, he earned placement on the 2024 Prep RedZone Michigan Division I Preseason All-State Defense. He transferred to IMG Academy for his junior season in 2023 where he helped the team win the 2023 SSIA State Championship. He was invited to the 2023 Rivals Camp in Cincinnati and the 2023 Under Armour Next Camp in Columbus. As a sophomore at Cass Tech in 2022, he missed the first seven games of the year due to a hip

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injury, but still finished with 25 tackles, 6 PBUs and 5 INTs, including 2 pick-6's. Graham helped Technicians to the Michigan Division I playoff semifinals. He was named to the 2022 Metro Detroit Dream Team First Team. Graham also ran track recording a 10.9 in the 100-meter dash as a junior at IMG Academy. As a youth athlete, he took first in the Boys 10u Triathlon (high jump, shot put, 400) at the AAU Junior Olympic Games in 2017. He is majoring in Psychology at USC.

DJ HARVEY

(See bio in veteran players section.)

TANOOK HINES

Hines, a four-star recruit, was rated as the No. 42 player in the state of Texas by 247Sports, No. 52 by Rivals, No. 57 by ESPN and No. 65 by On3. He was touted as the No. 36 wide receiver in the country by 247Sports, No. 59 by Rivals, No. 60 by ESPN and No. 75 by On3. He is a 2025 Polynesian Bowl All-Star, is a member of the 247Sports' 2025 Freaks List and was named the 2025 TD Recruits No. 4 wide receiver. As a senior in 2024, he recorded 4 carries for 29 yards (7.3 avg.) and 46 receptions for 786 yards (17.1 avg.) and 6 TDs. On defense, he tallied 7 tackles, including 1 for loss, and 1 INT. On special teams, he had 5 kickoff returns for 109 yards (21.8 avg.) and 7 punt returns for 70 yards (10.0 avg.). prior to the season, he was named the 2024 VYPE District 14-6A Preseason MVP. Despite only playing 6 games as a junior in 2023, he collected 35 receptions for 528 yards (15.1 avg.) and 5 TDs. Defensively, he had 3 tackles and 1 INT. On special teams, he recorded 1 kickoff return for 22 yards. He was named to the 2023 All- District 14-6A First Team. As a sophomore in 2022, Hines racked up 867 yards and 8 TDs on 50 catches. He was named Dekaney's 2022 Offensive Newcomer. Hines also ran track and posted times of 10.45 in the 100 and 20.71 200 (one of the best marks in the nation) as a junior which earned silver in Texas 6A. He placed third at regionals with a 10.53 100.

SAM HUARD

(See bio in veteran players section.)

ROMERO ISON

Ison, a four-star recruit, was rated as the No. 6 player in the state of Maryland by On3, No. 11 by ESPN, No. 12 by 247Sports and No. 26 by Rivals. He was touted as the No. 26 running back in the country by On3, No. 41 by ESPN and No. 48 by 247Sports. He was the No. 172 ranked player in the nation per On3. As a senior in 2024, he recorded 3 carries for 17 yards (5.7 avg.) and 33 receptions for 534 yards (16.2 avg.) and 5 TDs. On special teams, he tallied 5 kickoff returns for 234 yards (46.8 avg.) and 8 punt returns for 110 yards (13.8 avg.). He was named to the 2024 All-County Second Team. During his junior season at Baltimore City College HS in 2023, he recorded 69 receptions for 1,438 yards (20.8 avg.) and 15 TDs. He set a Baltimore City record with 1,438 receiving yards and 15 TD receptions. His 1,438 receiving yards are tied for sixth-most in a single season in MPSSAA history, while his 69 receptions ranked second in the MPSSAA in 2023. He also tallied 46 carries for 465 yards (10.1 avg.) and 2 TDs. On special teams, he had 13 kickoff returns for 323 yards (24.8 yards) and 18 punt returns for 427 yards (23.7 avg.). He helped his team to advance to the 2023 state semifinals. He was named to the 2023 MPSSAA All-State First Team. Ison also competed in track and field. He ran a personal best 10.85 in the 100 in 2023 at the Adidas Outdoor Nationals during his sophomore year. He also broke a school record and PR for his 22.15 as a sophomore in the Varsity 200.

CASH JACOBSON

Jacobsen, a three-star recruit, was ranked the No. 12 player in the state of Oklahoma by 247Sports, No. 15 by ESPN and No. 20 by On3. He was touted as the No. 68 defensive lineman in the nation by 247Sports, No. 69 by ESPN and No. 86 by On3. Jacobsen was ranked as the No. 8 Oklahoma high school defensive lineman by the Oklahoman. He was listed as a top defensive lineman prospect by Prep RedZone Oklahoma. He helped Jenks reach the 2024 Oklahoma 6AI Semifinal game. He's played a vital role in the team's 8-4 season finish, as the defense has only allowed 12.6 points per game. Jacobsen also played lacrosse. His mother, J'Anna played basketball at Oklahoma, and his father, Seth, wrestled at Oklahoma.

JAMAAL JARRETT

(See bio in veteran players section.)

JAMES JOHNSON

Johnson, a four-star recruit, was nationally ranked as a receiver, but will play defensive back at Troy. He was rated as the No. 44 player in the state of Georgia by ESPN, No. 72 by On3 and No 125 by 247Sports. He was touted as the No. 53 wide receiver in the nation by ESPN, No. 93 by On3 and No. 98 by 247Sports. As a senior in 2024, he recorded 45 receptions for 576 yards (12.8 avg.) and 4 TDs. He also notched 32 carries for 254 yards (7.9 avg.) and 4 TDs. Additionally, he threw a TD pass. On the defensive side of the ball, he recorded 57 tackles, including 5 for loss (with 1 sack), 5 PBUs, 3 forced fumbles, 1 INT and 1 fumble recovery. On special teams, he fielded 3 kickoff returns for 75 yards (25.0 avg.) with a long of 30 and 6 punt returns for 202 yards (33.7 avg.) with a long of 60. Prior to the season, he was named to the 2024 Touchdown Club of Atlanta Preseason All-State Team. As a junior in 2023, he recorded 35 catches for 672 yards (19.2 avg.) with 7 TDs. He also tallied 40 carries for 483 yards (12.1 avg.) and 18 TDs. Additionally, Johnson went 8-of-10 (.800) in passing for 277 yards and 4 TDs. Defensively, he recorded 49 tackles, including 1 for loss, 6 PBUs and 1 INT. On special teams, he had 9 kickoff returns for 279 yards (31.0 avg.) with a long of 50 and 6 punt returns for 249 yards (41.5 avg.) with a long of 96. He was selected as the 2023-2024 Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Region 5-8 All-State Offensive Player of the Year, the Georgia Region 6-5A 2023 Player of the Year and the 2023 Recruit Georgia Class 6A All-State Player of the Year Runner Up. He earned placement on the 2023 Touchdown Club of Atlanta All-State First Team. As a sophomore in 2022, he tallied 32 receptions for 633 yards (19.8 avg.) and 3 TDs. He collected 33 carries for 189 yards (5.7 avg.) and 7 TDs. He went 23-of-42 (.548) for 277 yards and 3 TDs. On the defensive side of the ball, he notched 6 tackles and 3 INTs. He was named a 2022 Recruit Georgia Class 6-A All-State Honorable Mention and earned placement on the 2022 Region 5-AAAAAA All-First Team. As a freshman in 2021, he collected 24 receptions for 268 yards (11.2 avg.) with 2 TDs. He had 3 carries for 36 yards (12.0 avg.) and went 5-of-8 (.625) for 59 yards and 1 TD. Johnson was also a track athlete competing in the 100, 200, 400, 300-meter hurdles and long jump. He is majoring in Communication at USC.

SAM JOHNSON

(See bio in veteran players section.)

WAYMOND JORDAN

(See bio in veteran players section.)

HUSAN LONGSTREET

Longstreet, a five-star quarterback, was rated as the No. 13 player in the nation by On3, No. 28 by 247Sports, No. 47 by ESPN and No. 88 by Rivals. He was rated as the No. 1 player in the state of California by On3, No. 2 by 247Sports and ESPN and No. 7 by Rivals. He was touted as the No. 3 quarterback in the country by On3, No. 4 by 247Sports and ESPN and No. 8 by Rivals. He was 20th on the On300 List, 28th on the Top247 List, 47th on the ESPN 300 List and 88th on the Rivals 250 List. He was a 2025 Polynesian Bowl All-Star. As a senior in 2024, he missed some time with an injury, but threw for 109-of-165 (.661) for 1,641 yards with 19 TDs and added 494 yards rushing and 6 scores on the ground. He helped Centennial to reach the CIF-SS semifinals. He was named to the MaxPreps 2024 California All-State First Team and the 2024 All-Inland First Team. Prior to the season, Longstreet was selected to the 2024 Preseason MaxPreps All-America Second Team, the 2024 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-State First Team and the 2024 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason CIF-SS All-Inland Empire Team. Longstreet attended the 2024 Elite 11, finished third overall and was the Day 1 MVP. As a junior in 2023, he helped lead Centennial to a 9-3 record. He completed 199-of-298 pass attempts (.668) for 3,013 yards with 24 TDs. He also carried the ball 85 times for 645 yards and 7 TDs. He was named a 2023 MaxPreps California All-State selection and a 2023 LA Rams High School All-Star. Additionally, he was named the 2023 All-Big West Player of the Year and a 2023 Los Angeles Times All-Star. He earned placement on the 2023 Press Enterprise All-Inland First Team and the 2023 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Juniors team. As a sophomore at Inglewood in 2022, he led the team to a perfect 10-0 regular season and a 13-1 overall record with an appearance in the CIF Southern Section Division 2 championship, the school's first since 2000. He went 177-of-258 (.686) for 3,941 yards and 40 TDs. He was named the 2022 Daily Breeze Player of the Year and the 2022 Ocean League Offensive Player of the Year. He is majoring in Communication at USC. His brother, Kevin, is currently a redshirt sophomore on the USC football team.

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KEVIN LONGSTREET

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STEVE MILLER

Miller, a three-star recruit, was rated as the No. 38 player is the state of Georgia by Rivals, No. 64 by On3, No. 67 by 247Sports and No. 69 by ESPN. He was touted as the No. 22 safety in the nation by Rivals, No. 39 by ESPN, No. 43 by 247Sports and No. 46 by On3. He was a four-year starter on varsity at Green County. As a senior in 2024, Miller recorded 47 receptions for 644 yards (13.7 avg.) and 8 TDs. He also rushed for 31 yards on 4 carries (7.8 avg.) with 1 TD. Additionally, he threw 1 TD pass for 12 yards. Defensively, he tallied 32 tackles, including 1 for loss and 7 INTs. On special teams, he recorded 9 punts for 294 yards (32.7 avg.) with a long of 46 yards. He also fielded 2 kickoff returns for 90 yards (45.0 avg.). Prior to the season, he was named to the 2024 Atlanta Journal-Constitution Preseason All-State Team and the 2024 Recruit Preseason Georgia DII All-State Team. Additionally, CKFBA Academy named him to their Top 5 Safeties in Georgia list. He was invited to participate in the 2024 Legacy Camp Series. While playing quarterback and defensive back as a junior in 2023, he totaled 1,406 all-purpose yards and 17 TDs to go along with 6 INTs at safety. He was named the 2023 Georgia 1A-D2 Region 8 Player of the Year and was named to the 2023 Recruit Georgia All-State First Team. Additionally, Miller was selected as the GHSA Region 8 1A-D2 Co-Athlete of the Year. As a freshman in 2021, he was named the All-Region 8A Freshman. He also played basketball as a prep athlete. He is majoring in Communication at USC.

ALEX PAYNE

Payne, a four-star recruit, was ranked as the No. 124 player in the nation by 247Sports, No. 159 by ESPN and No. 194 by Rivals. He was rated as the No. 17 player in the state of Georgia by 247Sports, No. 25 by Rivals, No. 27 by ESPN and No. 30 by On3. He was touted as the No. 16 offensive tackle in the nation by 247Sports, No. 19 by Rivals, No. 21 by ESPN, and No. 22 by On3. He was 124th on the Top247 List, 159th on the ESPN 300 List, 163rd on the On300 and 195th on the Rivals 250. Prior to his senior season, he was named to the 2024 Recruit Georgia Preseason All-State Class 5A Team, the 2024 Georgia High School Football Daily Class 5A Preseason All-State Team and the 2024 The Atlanta Journal-Constitution Preseason All-State Team. He was named a GAVaristy Rivals Top Offensive Lineman Candidate for the class of 2025 and was 12th in the class of 2025 rankings by Prep RedZone Georgia. He was also listed as a top offensive lineman by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. He was invited to compete at the 2024 Under Armour Next Camp and the 2024 Rivals Camp. After his sophomore season in 2022, he was selected to the 2022 Gainesville Times All-Region First Team. He is majoring in Legal Studies at USC.

JADYN RAMOS

Ramos, a three-star recruit, is rated as the No. 99 edge in the nation by On3 and No. 137 by 247Sports. He is touted as the No. 123 player in the state of Texas by On3. As a senior in 2024, Ramos recorded 73 tackles, including 36.5 for loss (with 18 sacks to lead the Greater Houston Area), 4 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery. He was selected as the 2024 District 13-6A Defensive Player of the Year and was named to the All-Greater Houston First Team. In 2023, Ramos was named to the All-District First Team. Additionally, he earned placement on VYPE Media's Houston Top 100 prospect list. Ramos also played basketball and made the all-tournament team at the James Gambell Classic.

KENDARIUS REDDICK

Reddick, a four-star recruit, is ranked and the No. 102 player in the nation by ESPN. He is rated as the No. 16 player in the state of Georgia by ESPN, No. 29 by On3, No. 41 by Rivals and No. 53 by 247Sports. He is touted as the No. 9 safety in the nation by ESPN, No. 20 by On3, No. 25 by Rivals and No. 35 by 247Sports. He is 102ndon the ESPN 300 List and 263rd on the On300 List. As a senior in 2024, he tallied 34 tackles, including 2.5 for loss, 3 QBHs, 1 INT, 1 PBU and 1 fumble recovery. On special teams, he recorded 6 kickoff returns for 131 yards (21.8 avg.) with a long of 31 and 12 punt returns for 228 yards (19.0 avg.) for a long of 69. As a junior in 2023, he recorded 63 tackles, including 4 for loss (with 2 sacks), 4 INTs, 2 PBUs, 2 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery. Offensively, he collected 5 receptions for 57 yards (11.4 avg.) and 1 TD. He helped Thomas County win the 2023 Georgia Class 6A State Championship. He was named the 2023 Atlanta Journal-Constitution Defensive Player of the Year. He was also selected to the 2023 Atlanta Journal-Constitution All-State Football Team and the 2023 Touchdown Club of Atlanta All-State First Team. He was invited to compete at the 2023 Under Armour Next Camp. As a sophomore in 2022, he recorded 58 tackles (including 1 for loss) and 1 INT. Offensively, he tallied 2 catches for 34 yards (17.0 avg.). As a freshman in 2021, he notched 26 tackles and 3 PBUs. On special teams, he fielded 5 kickoff returns for 92 yards (18.4 avg.) with a long of 27 and 5 punt returns for 36 yards (7.2 avg.) with a long of 26.

J'ONRE REED

(See bio in veteran players section.)

ELI SANDERS

(See bio in veteran players section.)

KEESHAWN SILVER

(See bio in veteran players section.)

COREY SIMMS

Simms, a four-star recruit, was rated as the No. 2 player in the state of Missouri by Rivals, No. 4 by 247Sports and No. 6 by On3 and ESPN. He was touted as the No. 19 wide receiver in the country by Rivals, No. 58 by ESPN, No. 80 by On3 and No. 81 by 247Sports. He was 117th on the Rivals 250 List. Simms helped Christian Brothers go 10-2 overall and 4-0 in district play in 2024. He was invited to compete at the 2024 Under Armour Next Camp in Nashville. In 2023, he helped Christian Brothers to Missouri's Class 6 state championship game as the runner-up, catching 79 passes for 1,049 yards and 13 TDs on the season. He also excelled on defense collecting 2 INTs, one of which he returned for a TD. He recorded 9 catches in each of his first 3 games. He was named to the 2023 Prep Redzone Class 6 All-State Second Team, the 2023 All-Metro Catholic Conference First Team and the 2023 SLT Today All-Metro Second Team. He was invited to the 2023 Rivals Camp Cincinnati. Christian Brothers were the 2021 and 2022 State Champions, and Simms was the Cadets' second-leading receiver as a sophomore recorded 32 catches for 446 yards (13.9 avg.) and 4 TDs. He also recorded 4 kickoff returns for 49 yards (12.3 avg.). He was named to the 2022 All-Metro Catholic Conference Second Team. He is the son of former Nebraska basketball player Corey Simms (2001-05). He is majoring in Economics at USC. His father, Bill, played basketball at Nebraska.

JAHKEEM STEWART

Stewart, a five-star recruit, was one of the top players nationally in the 2025 recruiting class. He was rated as the No. 1 player in the state of Louisiana by ESPN and Rivals and No. 2 by On3 and 247Sports. He was touted as the No. 1 defensive lineman in the country by ESPN and Rivals, No. 3 by On3 and No. 9 by 247Sports. He was rated as the No. 8 player in the nation by Rivals, No. 11 by ESPN, No. 25 by On3 and No. 54 by 247Sports. He was 8th on the Rivals 250 List, 11th on the ESPN 300 List, 16th on the On300 List and 54th on the Top247 List. Before reclassifying, Stewart was the No.1 overall player in the 2026 class. He was named a 2024 MaxPreps Preseason Junior All-American, a 2024 MaxPreps Preseason All-American and 2024 PRZLA Preseason All-State honoree. Stewart had a highly productive 2023 sophomore campaign at St. Augustine with 85 tackles, including 33 for loss (with 20 sacks), 6 forced fumbles and 2 fumble recoveries. He was named to the 2023 All District 5A-9 First Team, the 2023 MaxPreps Sophomore All-American First Team and was a 2023 Louisiana Sportswriters Association 5A All-State Honorable Mention. Prior to the season, he earned placement on the 2023 MaxPreps Preseason Sophomore All-American First Team. He was invited to the 2023 Under Armour Next Camp Series in Los Angeles where he was ranked as the top prospect. Stewart was the top performer at the FBU Freshman All-American Game in 2022. He is majoring in Communication at USC.

PRINCE STRACHAN

(See bio in veteran players section.)

MATAI TAGOA'I

Tagoa'i, a four-star recruit, is ranked as the No. 97 player in the nation by On3, No. 104 by Rivals, No. 158 by ESPN and No. 162 by 247Sports. He is rated as the No. 5 player in the state of California by On3, No. 8 by Rivals, No. 14 by 247Sports and No. 15 by ESPN. He is touted as the No. 9 linebacker in the country by On3 and Rivals, No. 13 by 247Sports and No. 19 by ESPN. He is 98th on the On300 List, 104th on the Rivals 250, 158th on the ESPN 300 List and 160th on the Top 247 List. He has been named a 2025 Polynesian Bowl All-Star. As a senior in 2024, he recorded 52 tackles,

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including 12.5 for loss (with 5 sacks), 7 QBHs, 4 PBUs and 1 forced fumble as he helped the Tritons reach the CIF-SS Quarterfinals. Prior to the season, he was named to the 2024 Preseason All-State Second Team, the 2024 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-State Second Team and was ranked the No. 1 linebacker in CIF-SS by Sports Illustrated. He participated in the 2024 US Army Bowl Combine in Mission Viejo, Calif. and the 2024 All 22 Regional. As a junior in 2023, he recorded 59 tackles, including 8 for loss (with 7 sacks), 7 QBHs, 3 PBUs, 1 INT, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery. San Clemente had one of the state's top defenses that season and won the 2023 South Coast League Championship. He was named to the 2023 All-CIF Team, the 2023 All-Orange County Second Team, the 2023 Prep RedZone All-Southern California Junior Team, the 2023 All-South Coast League First Team. He was invited to compete in the 2023 Premium Invitational. As a sophomore at Faith Lutheran in Las Vegas, he tallied 73 tackles, including 6 for loss (with 5 sacks), 9 PBUs, 7 QBHs, 2 fumble recoveries and 1 INT. He was named to the 2022 Nevada Preps All-Southern Nevada First Team and the 2022 Las Vegas Sun All-State Second Team. He was named MVP of the 2021 Football University Camp in Las Vegas. Tagoa'i also played basketball.

TANIELA TUPOU

Tupou, a three-star recruit, played tight end and edge in high school, but will focus on tight end at the collegiate level. He was rated as the No. 52 player in the state of California by 247Sports, No. 53 by Rivals, No. 67 by ESPN and No. 92 by On3. He was touted as the No. 36 edge in the nation by Rivals, No. 45 by 247Sports, No. 76 by ESPN and No. 146 by On3. In 2024, he helped Folsom win the San Joaquin Section Division 1 Championship. Prior to the season, he was named to the 2024 Sacramento Bee Preseason All-Metro Team and was selected by the Sacramento Bee as on one of the best defensive stoppers in the Sacramento area. He was invited to the 2024 Under Armour Next Camp and the 2024 Rivals Camp. As a junior in 2023, he helped lead Folsom to a 2023 San Joaquin Section D1 Section Championship, a 2023 CIF-NorCal title and the 2023 CIF D1-A State Championship. He also played basketball. His uncle, Christian Tupou, played on the defensive line at USC from 2007-2011. His uncle, Fenuki, was an offensive tackle at Oregon (2007-08) and played with the Philadelphia Eagles. He is majoring in Psychology at USC.

ELIJAH VAIKONA

Vaikona, a four-star recruit, was rated as the No. 38 player in the state of California by Rivals No. 41 by On3, No. 63 by ESPN and No. 90 by 247Sports. He was touted as the No. 40 offensive tackle in the country by Rivals, No. 52 by On3, No. 76 by ESPN and No. 78 by 247Sports. He was invited to compete in the 2024 All 22 Regional and the 2024 Under Armour Next Camp Series in Los Angeles and Seattle. Vaikona played his junior season at Xavier Prep in Palm Desert, Calif. in 2023. He was named to the 2023 Cal-Hi Sports All-State First Team, the 2023 All-Desert Sun First Team, the 2023 All-Desert Empire League First Team and was voted as the top lineman in the Desert Valley by Desert Sun Sports. Vaikona also played basketball at Xavier and was named a 2023 All-Desert Empire League Honorable Mention. He is majoring in Communication at USC.

WILLI WASCHER

Wascher was rated as the No. 4 player in the state of Washington by Rivals, No. 10 by 247Sports and No. 15 by On3 and ESPN. He was touted as the No. 15 interior offensive lineman in the nation by ESPN, No. 30 by Rivals, No. 82 by 247Sports and No. 149 by On3. Wascher, a four-year starter at Bellevue, helped his team reach the 2024 Washington 3A State Championship game. Prior to the season, he was named to the 2024 SBLive/SI Washington High School Preseason All-State Football Team. In 2023, he played a key role for Bellevue as the team posted a 11-2 record and won the 2023 Washington 3A State Championship. Wascher's run blocking was vital for a team that rushed for 3,107 yards and averaged 8.2 yards per carry. He earned placement on the 2023 News Tribune All-State Team, SBLive's 2023 All-State Team and the 2023 Washington State Football Coaches Association 3A All State First Team. As a freshman in 2021, Bellevue also won the Washington 3A State Championship. He is majoring in Communication at USC.

DJ WINGFIELD

(See bio in veteran players section.)

RILEY WORMLEY

Wormley, a three-star recruit, was rated as the No. 57 player in the state of Texas by ESPN, No. 63 by Rivals, No. 69. By On3 and No. 91 by 247Sports. He was touted as the No. 29 running back in the country by Rivals, No. 35 by ESPN, No. 36 by On3 and No. 43 by 247Sports. As a senior and team captain in 2024, he rushed for 583 yards and 11 TDs while averaging 9.9 yards per carry before being injured and missing the rest of the season. Southlake Carroll recorded a perfect 10-0 record to become District Champions. He was named a 2024 Dave Campbell's Texas Football Superstar Team Nominee and was selected to Dave Campbell's Texas Football Top 10 Running Backs in the Class of 2025 list. He was invited to compete at the 2024 Under Armour Next Camp. As a junior in 2023, he ran for 901 yards and 19 TDs averaging 10.6 yards per carry. He also caught 9 passes for 123 yards helping Southlake Carroll to a 13-2 record and a Texas 6A D-II state semifinal appearance. He was named to the 2023 All-District 4-6A Second Team. Wormley was invited to compete at the 2023 Under Armour Next Camp Dallas and was named the running back MVP. He played his freshman and sophomore seasons at Colleyville (Texas) Heritage. As a sophomore in 2022, he ran for 486 yards and 7 TDs on 68 carries (7.1 avg.). He also caught 13 passes for 212 yards (16.3 avg.) and 3 TDs. He was the 2022 Team MVP. As a freshman in 2021, Wormley recorded 31 carries for 182 yards (5.9 avg.) and 5 TDs. He also tallied 17 receptions for 159 yards (9.4 avg). He was a 4-5A All-District Selection and earned 2021 4-5A Newcomer of the Year. Wormley also ran track, and as a junior, was on the school's 4x100 relay team that ran 42.18 at the area-round meet. He also recorded a season-best wind-aided 11.21 in the 100.

USC HEAD COACH LINCOLN RILEY

Lincoln Riley is one of the nation's most successful coaches. He's had more success by the age of 40 than any other head coach in college football history. Riley has been a head coach for 8 seasons and has developed 3 of the last 8 Heisman Trophy winners. In addition to being the only head coach to tutor three Heisman Trophy winning quarterbacks, Riley is the only coach to have 3 quarterbacks selected No. 1 overall in the NFL Draft and has the most No. 1 overall draft selections in the common draft era. From coaching 3 Heisman Trophy winners, to having a 77 percent winning record, to appearing in 3 College Football Playoffs, Lincoln Riley's coaching achievements set a standard of excellence.

And didn't take long for Riley to implement that standard at USC. In his first season as USC's head coach in 2022, the 39-year-old led the Trojans to have equaled the biggest one-season victory turnaround (+7 victories) in USC history (USC's 1962 national champs won 11 games after winning just 4 in 1961). In 2021, Troy won 4 games and in 2022, it had 11 victories. Riley tied the record for most victories by a first-year head coach (tied with John Robinson in 1976. This also ties the Pac-12 record). Riley's Trojans went 11-3 in 2022 to bring USC back to the top of the college football landscape. USC went undefeated in the Coliseum (7-0), doing so for the first time since 2017. Riley guided the Trojans to a Pac-12 Championship appearance and to a Cotton Bowl appearance. In Riley's electric offense, USC scored 579 points in 2022 compared to just 344 points scored in 2021. The Trojans finished the season nationally ranked No. 1 in turnover margin (1.57), No. 1 in turnovers lost (7), No. 1 in fumbles lost (2). No. 2 in 3rd down conversion percentage (0.536), No. 2 in passes had intercepted (5), No. 3 in first downs offense (359), No. 3 in passes intercepted (19), No. 3 in passing offense (335.4), No. 3 in scoring offense (41.4), No. 3 in team passing efficiency (169.20), No. 3 in total offense (506.6) and No. 5 in turnovers gained (29).

Riley's 2022 Trojans broke six USC records. The 2022 team now holds the USC record for most yards passing in a single season (4,696 yards in 14 games), most passes attempted in a single season (515), most touchdown passes in a single season (43), lowest percentage of passes had intercepted (0.97%, 5 in 515 attempts), most games scoring 30+ points (12) and most games scoring 40+ points (10). They also tie the USC single-game record for most touchdowns on interception returns (3 vs. Rice).

Under Riley's tutelage in 2022, quarterback Caleb Williams was named the 88th recipient of the Heisman Trophy. In addition to winning college football's most prestigious award, Williams also was named the 2022 Walter Camp Player of the Year, the 2022 AP Player of the Year, the 2022 Maxwell Award winner, the 2022 Sporting News College Football Player of the Year, the 2022 CBS Sports Player of the Year, the 2022 Action Sports Player of the Year, the 2022 CFPA National Performer of the Year and the 2022 Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Year. Defensive lineman Tuli Tuipulotu was the Polynesian College Football Player of the Year, the Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year, the defensive Morris Trophy winner and was a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, the Rotary Lombardi Award, the Chuck Bednarik Award, the Ted Hendricks Award, and the Lott IMPACT Trophy. Both Tuipulotu and Williams were Unanimous First Team All-Americans, USC's first since 2012. Offensive linemen Brett Neilon and Andrew Vorhees and defensive back Calen Bullock were also named First Team All-Americans. Riley's 5 First Team All-Americans were the most in a single season since 2007 when USC also had 5 first teamers. Jordan Addison, Mekhi Blackmon, Tuli Tuipulotu, Andrew Vorhees, Caleb Williams were all selected to the All-Pac-12 First Team, and Vorhees was the offensive recipient of the Morris Trophy. Four of his Trojans (Addison, Tuipulotu, Blackmon and Vorhees) were drafted in 2022. Riley was a finalist for the 2022 Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award. He threw out the first pitch at a Dodgers game in May of 2022.

His 2023 Trojans went 8-5 and 5-4 in Pac-12 play. Riley's high-powered brand of offense, led by defending Heisman Trophy winner quarterback Caleb Williams, put up points all season resulting in USC ranking No. 3 in the nation in scoring offense (41.8), No. 3 in team passing efficiency (170.88), No. 5 in passing offense (333.0) and No. 10 in total offense (467.6). Williams ranked in the national Top 20 in points responsible for per game, points responsible for, passing efficiency, passing yards per game, passing touchdowns, yards per pass attempt, total offense, passing yards, completion percentage, passing yards per completion and completions per game. He was a finalist for the Manning Award and Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award. Williams was selected as the No. 1 pick in the 2024 NFL Draft by the Chicago Bears.

Also in 2023, freshman wide receiver and electric return specialist Zachariah Branch was named USC's first-ever true freshman First Team All-American for his special teams efforts. Branch also won the Jet Award presented annually to the nation's most outstanding return specialist. He was the first Trojan since Adoree' Jackson in 2016 to have a punt return and kickoff return for a TD, as well as at least one receiving TD in the same season. Jackson had 2 punt returns and 2 kickoff returns for TDs and 1 TD reception during the 2016 season. Since 1971 (when records are available) Branch is one of just 3 USC players to accomplish the feat, joining Jackson and Curtis Conway (1992 – 1 kickoff return TD, 1 punt return TD, 5 rec TDs). The Trojans wrapped up the season on a high-note with a thrilling Holiday Bowl victory as quarterback Miller Moss stepped in leading the Trojans to defeat No. 16 Louisville 42-28. Moss, the Holiday Bowl Offensive MVP, threw 6 touchdown passes setting the record for most touchdown passes thrown in a Holiday Bowl, most touchdown passes thrown in a USC bowl game, most touchdown passes thrown by a USC QB is his first Trojan start and tied the Pac-12 Bowl Game passing touchdown record. Wide receiver Tahj Washington also amassed 1,000 yards for the first time in his career. S Calen Bullock and RET Zachriah Branch were named to the All-Pac-12 First Team. Seven total Trojans (Williams, Washington, Calen Bullock, MarShawn Lloyd, Jarrett Kingston, Brenden Rice and Solomon Byrd) were drafted in 2024, marking the most USC players drafted since 2011.

In 2024, Riley's Trojans went 7-6, and 4-5 in USC's first season in the Big Ten Conference. USC bookended its season with victories against No. 13 LSU and a Texas A&M team that was just shy of competing in the conference championship to go 2-0 versus the SEC in 2024. All five of USC's Big Ten losses were by 7 points or less and four occurred within the last minute of the game. Offensively, the Trojans finished the season ranked in the national Top 25 in passing offense (10, 291.9), third down conversion percentage (25, 0.448), total offense (23, 437.2) and first downs offense (24, 303).

Riley completely revamped the defensive coaching staff prior to the 2024 season by bringing on DC D'Anton Lynn and a powerhouse

LINCOLN RILEY YEAR-BY-YEAR

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	BOWL
2003	Texas Tech	Student Assistant	Houston
2004	Texas Tech	Student Assistant	Holiday
2005	Texas Tech	Student Assistant	Cotton
2006	Texas Tech	Graduate Assistant	Insight
2007	Texas Tech	Wide Receivers	Gator
2008	Texas Tech	Interior Wide Receivers	Cotton
2009	Texas Tech	Interior Wide Receivers	Alamo
2010	East Carolina	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	Military
2011	East Carolina	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	--
2012	East Carolina	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	New Orleans
2013	East Carolina	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	Beef 'O'Brady's
2014	East Carolina	Asst. Head Coach/Off. Coord./Quarterbacks	Birmingham
2015	Oklahoma	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks+	Orange^
2016	Oklahoma	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	Sugar
2017	Oklahoma	Head Coach (12-2 / 8-1, 3rd AP)#	Rose^
2018	Oklahoma	Head Coach (12-2 / 8-1, 3rd AP)#	Orange^
2019	Oklahoma	Head Coach (12-2 / 8-1, 3rd AP)#	Peach^
2020	Oklahoma	Head Coach (9-2 / 6-2, 6th AP)#	Cotton
2021	Oklahoma	Head Coach (10-2 / 7-2, 10th AP)	Alamo%
2022	USC	Head Coach (11-3 / 8-1, 12th AP)	Cotton
2023	USC	Head Coach (8-5 / 5-4, NR)	Holiday
2024	USC	Head Coach (7-6 / 4-5, NR)	Las Vegas

Career Record (8 years) 81-24 (.771) overall
USC Record (3 years): 26-14 (.650) overall / 17-10 (.630) Pac-12 & Big Ten
Oklahoma Record (5 years): 55-10 (.846) overall / 37-7 (.841) Big 12
#Conference Champion *Conference Coach of the Year +Broyles Award
^College Football Playoff semifinal %Did not coach in bowl game

USC HEAD COACH LINCOLN RILEY

crew with unparalleled experience. In just one season, the Trojan defense significantly improved. USC held opponents to an average of just 24.1 points per game, improving from 34.4 in 2023. The Trojans finished the 2024 season ranked No. 21 in the nation and No. 2 in the Big Ten Conference in third-down conversion percentage defense (0.335), compared to ranking No. 106 (0.436) in 2023. USC's defense improved in a variety of other statistical categories including ranking No. 33 in passes intercepted (12) and No. 53 in rushing defense (141.2) in 2024. The Trojan defense ranked No. 58 in turnovers gained by collecting 18 throughout the season and ranked No. 69 in red zone defense (0.830) in 2024. USC finished ranked No. 70 in team passing efficiency defense (132.50), improved to No. 77 in total defense (377.1) and was No. 86 in the nation in first downs defense (262) in 2024.

Also in 2024, Trojan punter Eddie Czaplicki became USC' 177th First Team All-American and USC's first-ever Ray Guy Award winner for being the nation's best punter. Czaplicki not only earned All-Big Ten First Team honors by the coaches and the media, but he was named the Eddleman-Fields Punter of the Year by the Conference. USC ranked first in the nation in net punting (45.4). He led the nation in percentage of punts inside the 20 for punters with a minimum of 30 attempts. Twenty-five of his punts were inside the 20, 10 were inside the 10 and 4 inside the 5. Running back Woody Marks was a powerhouse for USC in his one season at Troy. He recorded 1,133 rushing yards on 198 attempts (5.7 avg.) with 9 TDs. He sits at 24th among USC's all-time single-season rushing leaders with 1,133 yards this season. He surpassed Anthony Davis who had 1,112 rushing yards in the 1973 season. Marks became USC's first 1,000-yard rusher since Ronald Jones II rushed for 1,550 yards in 2017. Since Reggie Bush and LenDale White were 1,000-yard rushers in 2005, just five USC RBs have been 1,000-yard season rushers: Joe McKnight (2009), Curtis McNeal (2011), Javorius Allen (2014), Ronald Jones II (2016 & 2017) and Woody Marks. He also tied with wide receiver Zachariah Branch for USC's 2024 receiving leader with 47 catches for 321 yards (6.83 avg.). He was the first Trojan running back with 40+ catches in a single season since Javorius Allen recorded 41 in 2014. Marks averaged 121.17 all-purpose yards per game, which ranked third in the Big Ten and 18thin the nation. The Trojans concluded the season with a 35-31 victory over Texas A&M in the Las Vegas Bowl. The win marked the biggest comeback victory in Las Vegas Bowl history. Additionally, it was the largest deficit that USC has ever overcome in a bowl game win, with the previous being a 15-point deficit against Penn State in the 2017 Rose Bowl. Wide receiver Ja'Kobi Lane was named the bowl MVP after recording 7 receptions for 127 yards and a Las Vegas Bowl record 3 TDs. On National Signing Day, Riley made a splash by signing the No. 1 quarterback in California, five-star Husan Longstreet and the No. 1 defensive lineman in the nation, five-star Jahkeem Stewart.

Riley was hired by USC on Nov. 28, 2021. He arrived after serving as the head coach at Oklahoma, winning 85 percent of his games in five seasons there and led the Sooners to four Big 12 titles and four New Year's Six bowls with three College Football Playoff appearances.

Riley posted a 55-10 overall record in his five years (2017-21) at Oklahoma for an impressive .846 winning percentage. His Sooners were 37-7 (.841) in league play and won Big 12 championships in his first four years there as he became the first person to win outright Football Bowl Subdivision conference crowns in each of his first four seasons as a collegiate head coach. He set Oklahoma records for most victories in his first two (24), three (36) and four (45) seasons, breaking marks held by Barry Switzer and Bob Stoops.

After serving as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for two of the most prolific offenses in OU's history, Riley took over as the Sooners' head coach in 2017 when Stoops retired. He was the youngest FBS head coach (33) at the time of his hiring. He also coached the OU quarterbacks and called the offensive plays while serving as head coach, running a balanced offensive attack.

Riley led his initial Oklahoma squad to a 12-2 overall record in 2017, becoming just the fifth FBS coach with no previous head coaching experience at a four-year college to win at least 12 games in his debut season. The Sooners won the Big 12 title by going 8-1, played in the CFP semifinal in the Rose Bowl and finished third in the final AP poll. Quarterback Baker Mayfield won the Heisman Trophy that season, along with the Maxwell, Davey O'Brien, Manning, Walter Camp Player of the Year and AP Player of the Year Awards, and was the No. 1 pick of the 2018 NFL Draft. Tight end Mark Andrews won the 2017 Mackey Award.

Oklahoma was again 12-2 overall and 8-1 while winning the Big 12 championships in 2018 and 2019. He was the Big 12 Co-Coach of the Year in 2018. Quarterback Kyler Murray won the 2018 Heisman Trophy, O'Brien Award and Manning Award, was the AP Player of the Year and was the No. 1 selection in the 2020 NFL Draft, while quarterback Jalen Hurts was the Heisman runner-up in 2019. The Sooners appeared in the Orange Bowl in 2018 and Peach Bowl in 2019, both CFP semifinals. OU was fourth in the final AP poll in 2018 and seventh in 2019.

In the COVID-impacted 2020 season, Oklahoma went 9-2 overall, won the Big 12 at 6-2, beat Florida in the Cotton Bowl and was sixth in the final AP poll.

In 2021, the Sooners were 10-2 in the just-completed regular season, tied for second in the Big 12 standings at 7-2 and are ranked 13th by AP.

Riley spent 2015 and 2016 as Oklahoma's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. He won the Broyles Award as the nation's top assistant coach in 2015 when his offense ranked seventh nationally in total offense. In 2016, receiver Dede Westbrook won the Biletnikoff Award and was fourth in the Heisman voting, while running back Joe Mixon set the OU season all-purpose yardage record (2,331 yards) and fellow running back Samaje Perine set the school career rushing mark (4,122 yards).

Riley came to Oklahoma after five seasons (2010-14) as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at East Carolina. He added the title of assistant head coach in 2014. The Pirates, running a spread offensive scheme, set more than 50 team and individual school offensive records during his time there. His squads had the top five passing seasons in school history and top four total offense marks. In 2014, ECU set a school season mark with 6,929 yards of total offense. East Carolina appeared in the national Top 10 in such categories as passing and scoring offense, third down conversion percentage and red zone scoring efficiency.

His Pirate wide receivers Justin Hardy and Zay Jones became the most productive pass catchers in FBS history. Hardy caught an NCAA record 387 career passes for 4,541 yards (including a trio of 1,000-yard seasons). Jones, who Riley coached for the first two years of his career, went on to break Hardy's mark with 399 career receptions.

East Carolina quarterback Dominique Davis was the 2010 Conference USA Newcomer of the Year and set school records for career completions and TD passes. He completed an NCAA record 36 consecutive passes in 2011. He was succeeded by Shane Carden, who broke many of Davis' record. Carden set ECU season marks for passing yards (4,736 in 2014) and completion percentage (.705 in 2013) and was the Conference USA MVP in 2013 followed by the American Conference's Offensive Player of the Year in 2014.

Riley was on the football and track teams at Muleshoe (Tex.) High, a West Texas town of 5,000. He was a walk-on quarterback at Texas Tech in the spring and summer of 2003 before starting his coaching career as a student assistant there under head coach Mike Leach for three seasons (2003-05), working with the offense.

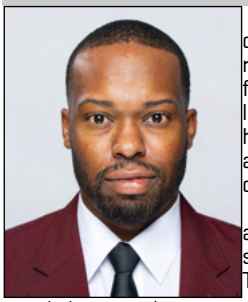
He became an offensive graduate assistant at Texas Tech in 2006, then joined the Red Raiders' fulltime staff as the wide receivers coach in 2007 and the inside wide receivers coach in 2008 and 2009. In 2009, he called plays as the interim offensive coordinator in the Alamo Bowl, producing 579 yards of offense. His wide receiver Michael Crabtree won the 2007 Biletnikoff Award while establishing Big 12 and NCAA freshman records with 134 receptions for 1,962 yards, while fellow wideout Danny Amendola also had a 100-catch, 1,000-yard season in 2007. The Red Raiders played in a bowl in each of his seven seasons and Tech quarterbacks won NCAA passing titles in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2007.

Riley received his bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science from Texas Tech in 2006.

He was born on Sept. 5, 1983, in Lubbock, Tex. He and his wife, Caitlin, have two daughters, Sloan and Stella. His younger brother, Garrett, is the offensive coordinator at Clemson after previously coaching at TCU (where he helped coach the Horned Frogs to the 2022 National Championship game), SMU, Appalachian State, Kansas, East Carolina and Augustana College and playing quarterback at Texas Tech and Stephen F. Austin.

USC ASSISTANT COACH BIOGRAPHIES

DOUG BELK
Secondary Coach



Doug Belk, one of the biggest rising stars in college football's coaching landscape, enters his second season as USC's secondary coach.

In his first season at USC in 2024, Belk's secondary and the Trojan defense significantly improved.

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Safety Jaylin Smith earned All-Big Ten Third Team honors. He recorded 59 tackles, including 4 for loss of 5 yards, 2 PBUs and tied for a team-leading 2 INTs.

Belk spent the previous 5 seasons (2019-23) at Houston and has held the associate head coach/defensive coordinator role since 2021. From 2019-20, he was a co-defensive coordinator.

In his 5 seasons as a defensive or co-defensive coordinator at Houston, Belk has mentored 13 All-American Athletic Conference honorees, including 5 First Team selections, and 8 All-Big 12 Conference honorees, including 2 First Teamers. Five players from Belk's defenses at Houston were selected in the NFL Draft including DL Payton Turner who was taken in the first round (28th overall pick – 2021) by the New Orleans Saints and DE Logan Hall who was chosen in the second round (33rd overall pick – 2022) by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

He rebranded Houston's defensive culture by bringing back a former nickname: The Third Ward Defense. This name emphasized toughness, grit and leaned into the city's history and culture.

After a challenging 2019 season and shortened 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Belk's defensive transformation began to come to fruition in 2021.

In 2021, Belk led one of the best pass defenses in the nation, allowing only 194 yards per game through the air, ranking 18th in the nation. Houston's 55.2 completion percentage allowed ranked eighth nationally. The 20.5 points per game allowed ranked 19th in the country and the 302.2 total yards allowed ranked sixth. The Cougar defensive line, nicknamed "Sack Ave", racked up 45.0 sacks, ranked fifth nationally.

That season, Belk was named a semifinalist for the Broyles Award and was on the 2022 summer edition of Dave Campbell's Texas Football 40 Under 40 list.

In 2022, Houston's defense ranked 10th nationally in tackles for loss with 7.2 per game. DL D'Anthony Jones led the nation in forced fumbles and DB Jayce Rogers finished second in the conference in interceptions. Four Houston defenders earned all-conference honors during 2022 including Jones as a First Team honoree.

In 2023, DB A.J. Haulcy finished the regular season ranked No. 4 in the nation and No. 1 in the AAC in solo tackles (6.1), while DL Nelson Ceaser was No. 9 in the nation and No. 1 in the AAC in sacks (6.1).

Prior to arriving in Houston, Belk served as the cornerbacks coach at West Virginia for 2 seasons.

The 2017 Mountaineer defense ranked No. 16 nationally in most defensive three-and-outs per game and No. 24 in third-down defense.

The 2018 season saw Belk's cornerbacks play a pivotal role in West Virginia ranking second in the Big 12 and No. 20 nationally with 15 interceptions. CB Keith Washington Jr. tied for fifth in the Big 12 with 3 interceptions on the year. West Virginia recorded 12 interceptions to rank No. 1 in the conference.

From 2014-16, Belk served as a defensive graduate assistant coach at Alabama working with the defensive backs. He worked directly with Head Coach Nick Saban and Defensive Coordinators Kirby Smart and Jeremy Pruitt, assisting with all aspects of the defensive secondary as well as with special teams. During his tenure at Alabama, the Crimson Tide was 40-4, earning 3 College Football Playoff appearances, winning the 2015 National Championship, finishing as national runner-up in 2016 and winning 3 SEC titles (2014-16).

The 2014 Crimson Tide defense was No. 6 nationally in scoring defense and No. 12 nationally in total defense. Belk helped develop S Landon Collins, who finished his senior season as a unanimous All-American selection and was drafted by the New York Giants in the second round.

The 2015 defense was No. 3 nationally in scoring defense and total defense, No. 10 in interceptions and No. 30 in passing yards allowed. Belk tutored S Eddie Jackson, who earned All-American honors as well as CB Minkah Fitzpatrick and CB Marlon Humphrey who were named to freshman All-American teams. He also worked with CB Cyrus Jones who was drafted in the second round by the New York Giants.

The 2016 defense was No. 1 nationally in scoring defense and No. 2 in total defense. The unit was also No. 9 nationally and No. 2 in the SEC in pass efficiency defense, No. 14 in interceptions and No. 24 in passing yards allowed. That season, Fitzpatrick was named a consensus All-American, Humphrey earned All-America First-Team honors and Jackson was an All-SEC First-Teamer.

Prior to Alabama, Belk was the secondary coach at Valdosta State in Valdosta, Ga. from 2012-13. During the 2011 season, he was a defensive assistant and worked with special teams.

During his tenure, the Blazers produced a 24-10 record and won the NCAA Division II National Championship in 2012. Belk coached 2 Division II All-Americans, 2 Academic All-Americans and 3 All-Gulf South Conference selections. CBs Dominique Wheeler and Matt Pierce signed free agent contracts in the NFL with the Jacksonville Jaguars and Tennessee Titans, respectively.

RYAN DOUGHERTY
Special Teams Coordinator

Ryan Dougherty enters his fourth season at USC. Prior to the 2024 season, he was named Special Teams Coordinator.

In 2024, Dougherty tutored Trojan punter Eddie Czaplicki became USC' 177th First Team All-American and USC's first-ever Ray Guy Award winner for being the nation's best punter. Czaplicki not only earned All-Big Ten First Team honors by the coaches and the media, but he was named the Eddleman-Fields Punter of the Year by the Conference. USC ranked first in the nation in net punting (45.4). He led the nation in percentage of punts inside the 20 for punters with a minimum of 30 attempts. Twenty-five of his punts were inside the 20, 10 were inside the 10 and 4 inside the 5.

Additionally, Makai Lemon was named to the All-Big Ten Third Team as a return specialist. Lemon led USC with 19 kickoff returns for 514 yards (27.1 avg) with a long of 80 yards. He finished the reason ranked No. 6 in the nation (No. 2 in the Big Ten) in kickoff returns. Lemon also ranked No. 16 in the nation (No. 2 in the Big Ten) in combined kick returns (514). Lemon was also a crucial member of the punt coverage team downing punts for Ray Guy winner, Eddie Czaplicki.

Dougherty was a senior special teams analyst during the 2022 and 2023 seasons.

He spent the previous 5 seasons (2017-21) as the special teams analyst at Oklahoma. The Sooners played in the 2018 Rose Bowl (CFP semifinal), 2018 Orange Bowl (CFP semifinal), 2019 Peach Bowl (CFP semifinal), 2020 Cotton Bowl and 2021 Alamo Bowl.

He was the special teams coordinator and an offensive assistant at Lehigh in 2015 and 2016. Ed Mish was an All-Patriot League first team selection at punter and kicker in 2016, while Austin Devine was an all-league punter in 2015. The Mountain Hawks played in the 2016 FCS playoffs.

Before that, he was at East Carolina for 5 seasons (2010-14), the first 2 years as a special teams assistant and the last 3 as a graduate assistant working with the special teams and offense. While there, he worked with All-Conference USA punter Trent Tignor, placekicker Warren Harvey (ECU's career scoring leader) and all-league punt returners Justin Hardy and Dwayne Harris, who both played in the NFL. East Carolina played in the 2010 Military Bowl, 2012 New Orleans Bowl, 2013 Beef 'O'Brady's Bowl and 2015 Birmingham Bowl.

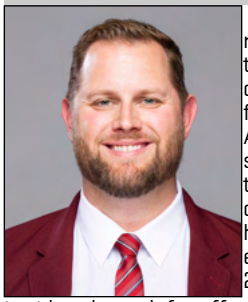
He was an instructor with the National Kicking Service for 6 years (2004-09). He also was a football and soccer coach from 2007 to 2009 at William R. Boone High in Orlando (Fla.), his alma mater.

He was a punter at East Carolina (2003-06), where he set Conference USA career records for punts (237) and punting yardage (10,112).

He earned his bachelor's degree in education in 2006 and master's degree in health education in 2014, both from East Carolina.

He was an All-State punter at William R. Boone High, where he also played wide receiver and was on the soccer and track teams.

ZACH HANSON
Assistant Head Coach for Offense
Offensive Line Coach



Zach Hanson, regarded as one of the game's top young coaches, enters his fourth season at USC. After the 2024 season, he transitioned to USC's offensive line coach. From 2022-23, he was USC's tight ends coach and in 2024, he added assistant head coach for offense to his title.

In 2024, he tutored a talented group of Trojan tight ends. USC finished the regular season first in the Big Ten and No. 11 in the nation in passing offense (291.7), third in the Big Ten and 19th in the nation in all-purpose yards (121.17), third in the Big Ten and No. 23 in the nation in total offense (440.3) and fourth in the Big Ten and No. 18 in the nation in first downs offense (287). The Trojans concluded the season with a 35-31 victory over Texas A&M in the Las Vegas Bowl. The win marked the biggest comeback victory in Las Vegas Bowl history. Additionally, it was the largest deficit that USC has ever overcome in a bowl game win, with the previous being a 15-point deficit against Penn State in the 2017 Rose Bowl.

In 2023, Hanson's tight ends were part of an offense that was ranked No. 3 in the nation in scoring offense (41.8) and No. 10 in the nation in total offense (467.6). USC wrapped up the season defeating No. 16 Louisville 42-28 in the 2023 Holiday Bowl.

In 2022, he led a group of tight ends who contributed to a recorded-setting season for the Trojan offense. USC played in the Cotton Bowl to conclude the season.

He spent the 2020 and 2021 seasons as the offensive line coach at Tulsa. He coached Tyler Smith who was selected in the first round of the 2022 NFL Draft with the No. 24 overall pick by the Dallas Cowboys. Smith was named a Second Team All-Pro in 2023. While at Tulsa, Smith was also a FWAA Freshman All-American and an All-American Athletic Conference First Team pick in 2020. In 2021, he was named to the All-AAC Second Team. Hanson also coached offensive tackle Chris Paul who was drafted in the seventh round of the 2022 NFL Draft by the Washington Commanders. In his two seasons at Tulsa, Hanson had 7 offensive linemen earn All-American Athletic Conference honors. The Golden Hurricane played in the 2020 Armed Forces Bowl and 2021 Myrtle Beach Bowl. Tulsa also played in the 2020 American Athletic Conference championship against Cincinnati. After the 2021 season, Hanson was selected for the 2022 AFCA 35 Under 35 Leadership Institute.

Hanson was a senior offensive analyst at Oklahoma in 2019 when the Sooners played in the College Football Playoff semifinal in the Peach Bowl.

In 2018, he was the tight ends coach and assistant offensive line coach at Kansas State, his alma mater.

He spent 2016 and 2017 at North Carolina as a graduate assistant for special teams. The Tar Heels led the nation in punt return defense (0.2) and were second in kickoff returns (26.97) in 2016. Punter Tom Sheldon was a Freshman All-American in 2017. North Carolina played in the 2016 Sun Bowl.

He began his coaching career at Kansas State for 4 seasons (2012-15), serving as an offensive quality control coach in 2012 and then the final 3 years as an offensive graduate assistant. He worked with the offensive line during his first 3 years there and with the wide receivers in 2015. The Wildcats, who won the Big 12 Championship in 2012, played in the 2013 Fiesta Bowl, 2013 Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl, 2015 Alamo Bowl and 2016 Liberty Bowl.

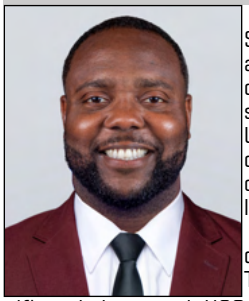
Hanson was an offensive tackle at Kansas State (2008-11), earning 2011 All-Big 12 First Team and Academic All-Big 12 Second Team accolades. He appeared in 37 games in his career, including starting at left tackle in 2011 when the Wildcats went 10-3 and appeared in the Cotton Bowl. Kansas State also played in the 2010 Pinstripe Bowl.

He originally signed with Nevada out of high school but opted to attend Sacramento City College prior to going to Kansas State.

He earned a bachelor's degree in social sciences in 2010 and his master's degree in sociology in 2014, both from Kansas State.

He prepped at Linden (Calif.) High.

ERIC HENDERSON
Co-Defensive Coordinator
Run Game Coordinator
Defensive Line Coach



Eric Henderson, a Super Bowl Champion and award-winning coach, enters his second season as USC's co-defensive coordinator/run game coordinator/defensive line coach.

In 2024, Henderson's unit and the Trojan defense significantly improved. USC held opponents to an average of just 24.1 points per game, improving from 34.4 in 2023. The Trojans finished the 2024 season ranked No. 21 in the nation and No. 2 in the Big Ten Conference in third-down conversion percentage defense (0.335), compared to ranking No. 106 (0.436) in 2023. USC's defense improved in a variety of other statistical categories including ranking No. 33 in passes intercepted (12) and No. 53 in rushing defense (141.2) in 2024. The Trojan defense ranked No. 58 in turnovers gained by collecting 18 throughout the season and ranked No. 69 in red zone defense (0.830) in 2024. USC finished ranked No. 70 in team passing efficiency defense (132.50), improved to No. 77 in total defense (377.1) and was No. 86 in the nation in first downs defense (262) in 2024. The Trojans concluded the season with a 35-31 victory over Texas A&M in the Las Vegas Bowl. The win marked the biggest comeback victory in Las Vegas Bowl history. Additionally, it was the largest deficit that USC has ever overcome in a bowl game win, with the previous being a 15-point deficit against Penn State in the 2017 Rose Bowl. On National Signing Day, Henderson signed the No. 1 defensive lineman in the class of 2025, five-star Jahkeem Stewart.

Prior to USC, Henderson served as the defensive line coach/run game coordinator for the Los Angeles Rams (2019-23).

In the 2023 season, the Rams finished the season ranked No. 8 in run defense with a 70.2 grade per PFF. The Rams finished the regular season with 41.0 sacks with 4 players recording 6.0+ sacks. This was the first time since 1985 that the Rams have had 4 players with 6.0+ sacks on the season. DT Aaron Donald was named a Pro Bowler and earned First Team All-Pro. This marks his 10th Pro Bowl appearance and eighth First Team All-Pro recognition. In 2023, Donald tallied 56 tackles, including 8 sacks, and 3 PBUs. Henderson tutored DT Kobie Turner, who was arguably the best rookie pass rusher in the NFL in 2023 and is a strong candidate for Defensive Rookie of the Year. He led the Rams with 9 sacks. Turner recorded 58 tackles, including 9.5 sacks on the season. That sack total tied Donald's mark for the franchise's rookie record. Turner won NFC Defensive Rookie of the Month for January. He recorded 5 sacks, 15 tackles and 4 TFLs in the final 6 games of the year, helping elevate the performance of the entire defense.

In 2022, the Rams rush defense ranked among the best in the NFL. Henderson's defensive line helped the Rams finish third in fewest missed tackles on rush plays (51), eighth in percentage of opponent rushes that resulted in first downs (23.3%), ninth in defensive total rush EPA (42.97), ninth in opponent rushes for touchdowns (37.92), tied for 10th in total rushing touchdowns allowed (12) and finished 12th in total rushing first downs allowed (106). According to PFF, the Rams defense concluded the season with the highest grade against the rush (87.0) and only allowed two players to eclipse the 100-yard rushing mark on the season. The Rams were 1 of 4 teams to enter Week 17 without allowing a 100- yard rusher due to strong performances on the defensive line. The Rams defense also finished 13th in total rush yards allowed (1,956), opponent rush yards per game (115.1), and successful play rate on defensive rushes (61.5%).

In 2021, the Rams defense ranked third in sacks (50.0) and fifth in tackles for loss (85) during the regular season. Henderson also helped the Rams' defense finish fifth in yards per rush (3.96) and sixth in opponent rushing yards per game (103.2). The Rams' defense held opponents to a 51.8% red zone efficiency rate, which ranked eighth-best in the NFL. In the playoffs, the Rams tied a Super Bowl record with seven sacks in their 23-20 win over the Bengals at SoFi Stadium on Feb. 13 and had 12 overall during that postseason run. Henderson's leadership allowed perennial All-Pro DT Aaron Donald to continue stacking career accolades while also helping players such as Greg Gaines, A'Shawn Robinson and Marquise Copeland emerge as steady contributors. Gaines had a career season in 2021 with 13 starts and 55 tackles, 4.5 sacks, five tackles for loss, 14 quarterback hits and 34 pressures (including postseason). Henderson also elevated the play of A'Shawn Robinson, who had a stellar performance in Super Bowl LVI with six tackles (five solo), 1.0 sack, one tackle for loss, three pressures and one quarterback hit. Robinson finished the 2021 regular season with 89 tackles (45 solo), 3.0 sacks, two forced fumbles, three tackles for loss, three quarterback hits and 17 pressures.

After the season, Henderson was nationally recognized by winning the 2021 John Teerlinck Defensive Line Coach of the Year award, as voted by his peers. The award is given out an-

nually at the NFL Combine and is named after John Teerlinck who is widely regarded as one of the top defensive line coaches in NFL history.

In his second season in 2020, the Rams finished second in the league in sacks (53.0). The defensive front helped the No. 1 ranked defense finish third in the NFL in rush defense, while giving up the fewest points per game (18.5), passing yards per game (190.7) and total yards per game (281.9).

Under Henderson's tutelage, the Rams ranked top 5 in sacks back-to-back years (2019 and 2020). DT Aaron Donald became the third player in league history to win Defensive Player of the Year three times. He was also named the PFWA Defensive Player of the Year award for the second time. Donald finished the season with a team-high 13.5 sacks, his fourth-straight season with at least 11.0 sacks.

In Henderson's debut season in 2019, the Rams rushing defense allowed only 3.74 yards per rush, the sixth-best average in the league. This improvement marked a more than 1.0 yard per rush improvement from the 4.86 yards per rush allowed during the 2018 season, prior to Henderson's arrival. The defensive front tallied 50.0 sacks, the fourth-highest in the league. The unit also featured Donald, who recorded double-digit sacks (12.5) for the third-consecutive season and earned Pro Bowl and First Team All-Pro honors.

Prior to coaching with the Rams, Henderson served as an assistant defensive line coach for the Chargers for 2 seasons (2017-2018). In 2018, the defense finished with 38.0 total sacks and DE Melvin Ingram led the team with (7.0). Ingram was selected to the 2019 Pro Bowl marking his second consecutive appearance.

During Henderson's first season with the Chargers in 2017, the defense finished fifth in the NFL in total sacks with 43.0. DE Joey Bosa ended the season with a career-high 12.5 sacks, which ranked seventh in the league.

Henderson spent the 2016 season at the University of Texas - San Antonio as the defensive line coach. The Roadrunners went on to play in the Gildan New Mexico Bowl against New Mexico. Henderson coached junior DE Marcus Davenport, who recorded a team-high 6.5 sacks and a program-record 8 QBHs during the 2016 season. Davenport went on to be the 2017 Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year and was selected No. 14 overall by the New Orleans Saints in the 2018 NFL Draft, the highest Roadrunner ever drafted and just the second draft selection ever from UTSA.

Prior to joining the Roadrunners, Henderson spent three seasons at Oklahoma State from 2013-15. He spent his first two years in Stillwater working as a graduate assistant before transitioning to a defensive quality control coach in 2015. He was regarded as one of the Cowboys' top recruiters during his tenure. During his three years at Oklahoma State, the Cowboys posted a combined 27-12 record and made three bowl appearances. Henderson helped tutor DE Emmanuel Ogbah, who earned All-American accolades, was named 2015 Big 12 Conference Defensive Player of the Year and was drafted in the second round (32nd overall) by the Cleveland Browns.

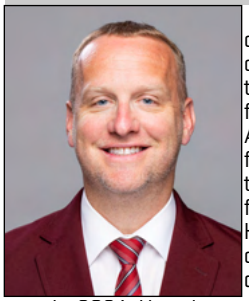
Henderson made his coaching debut in 2012 as a defensive assistant at Georgia Military College, where he coached the linebackers and secondary. The Bulldogs finished with a 7-4 record and made an appearance in the C.H.A.M.P.S. Heart of Texas Bowl.

Henderson played three years in the National Football League with the Cincinnati Bengals from 2006-08 after being signed as an undrafted free agent. He also spent three years (2009-11) with the Las Vegas Locomotives of the United Football League, helping the team win a pair of league championships.

Henderson was a three-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference defensive end at Georgia Tech from 2003-05. He set the school's career record for tackles for loss with 59.5 and finished with 175 tackles, 25 sacks (No. 4 in program history), 8 PBUs and 7 forced fumbles.

Henderson, a native of New Orleans, La., earned a bachelor's degree in management from Georgia Tech and is working toward a master's degree in educational psychology. He and his wife, Shanea, were married in 2021.

LUKE HUARD
Offensive Coordinator
Quarterbacks Coach



Luke Huard, who comes from a family of outstanding quarterbacks, enters his fourth season at USC. After transitioning from inside receivers to quarterbacks coach for the 2024 season, Huard added on offensive coordinator duties entering 2025.

In 2024, Huard mentored the Trojan quarterbacks. Offensively, the Trojans finished the season ranked in the national Top 25 in passing offense (10, 291.9), third down conversion percentage (25, 0.448), total offense (23, 437.2) and first downs offense (24, 303). QB Miller Moss went 233-of-362 (.644) for 2,555 yards and 18 TDs through 9 games. After USC's 27-20 victory over LSU to open the 2024 campaign, Moss was named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week. He also earned placement on Davey O'Brien Great 8 List twice throughout the season. QB Jayden Maiava took over the starting role for the final 4 games of the season. He went 101-of-169 (.598) for 1,201 yards and 11 TDs through 7 games. The Trojans concluded the season with a 35-31 victory over Texas A&M in the Las Vegas Bowl. The win marked the biggest comeback victory in Las Vegas Bowl history. Additionally, it was the largest deficit that USC has ever overcome in a bowl game win, with the previous being a 15-point deficit against Penn State in the 2017 Rose Bowl. On National Signing Day, Huard signed California's No. 1 quarterback, five-star Husan Longstreet.

In 2023, Huard coached a group of inside wide receivers that were a part of an offense that was ranked No. 3 in the nation in scoring offense (41.8) and No. 10 in the nation in total offense (467.6). He tutored wide receiver Tahj Washington who was USC's most reliable member of the receiving corps as well as an outstanding special teams player. Washington recorded his first-ever 1,000 yard season posting 1,062 yards on the year and ranked No. 23 nationally in receiving yards. He also ranked first in the Pac-12 Conference in yards per reception (18.00). Huard also coached star freshman wide out and electric returner, Zachariah Branch. Branch was honored as a First Team All-American as a returner (USC's first-ever true freshman First Team All-American) and earned the Jet Award as the nation's most outstanding return specialist. USC was victorious over No. 16 Louisville in the Holiday Bowl to end the season.

He joined the USC staff in February of 2022 as an offensive analyst. In March, he took over as interim inside wide receivers coach while Dave Nichol was away from the program due to his health. He became the full time position coach in the spring of 2022.

In 2022, Huard coached a group of high-level inside receivers who contributed to a recorded-setting season for the Trojan offense. USC played in the Cotton Bowl to conclude the 2022 season.

He spent the previous 3 seasons (2019-21) as an offensive analyst at Texas A&M. The Aggies earned berths in the 2019 Texas Bowl, 2021 Orange Bowl and 2021 Gator Bowl.

Before that, he was the co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Sacramento State for 2 seasons (2017-18). The Hornets averaged 486.0 total yards and 37.6 points (fifth nationally) in 2017 as quarterback Kevin Thomson set several school season records, and then averaged 402.8 total yards in 2018.

He was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Georgia State for 4 seasons (2013-16). GSU quarterbacks Ronnie Bell and Nick Arbuckle set numerous school records, including Arbuckle's Sun Belt records in 2015 for passing yards (4,368) and total offense (4,273). Arbuckle, who ranked sixth nationally in passing yards per game in 2015, was the Sun Belt's Student-Athlete of the Year that season. Nine Georgia State pass catchers earned All-Sun Belt honors during Huard's tenure. The Panthers played in the 2015 and 2017 Cure Bowl.

He was at Illinois State for 4 seasons (2009-12), the first as the quarterbacks coach and then adding the offensive coordinator duties the next 3 years. In 2012, the Redbirds led the Missouri Valley Football Conference in passing and total offense while scoring more than 30 points per game, and they advanced to the quarterfinals of the FCS playoffs. Quarterback Matt Brown was a 3-time All-Conference selection, and was the 2009 MVFC Newcomer of the Year and 2012 MVFC Offensive Player of the Year.

Huard was a graduate assistant at Washington in 2007 and 2008, working with the quarterbacks. Quarterback Jake Locker was the Pac-10 Newcomer of the Year in 2007 (he went on to be an NFL first round pick).

Huard started his coaching career in 2002 as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Washington High in Tacoma (Wash.).

He then spent 4 years (2003-06) as the head coach at Interlake High in Bellevue (Wash.). In 2004, he led the team to its first winning season in 10 years. That same year, he also was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for the Eastside Hawks, a semi-pro team that went 10-0 in 2004 and won the Northwest Football League title.

After being named Washington's 1997 Gatorade Player of the Year as a quarterback at Puyallup High, he played at North Carolina for 3 seasons (1998-2000) before a shoulder injury ended his career. He started 4 games as a redshirt freshman in 1999.

He received his bachelor's degree in political science from North Carolina in 2002.

His brothers, Damon and Brock, were quarterbacks at Washington and in the NFL. Damon played at Washington (1991-95), including on UW's 1991 national champions, and then with the Miami Dolphins (1997-2000), New England Patriots (2001-2003, including on the Super Bowl XXXVI and XXXVIII champs), and Kansas City Chiefs (2004-08), and now is director of community and external relations and special advisor to the athletic director at Washington as well as an analyst on Husky football radio broadcasts. Brock played at Washington (1995-

98), then with the Seattle Seahawks (1999-2001, 2004) and Indianapolis Colts (2002-03) and now is a college football analyst for FOX Sports and a sports radio host in Seattle. His father, Mike, was inducted into the Washington State Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1998 and the Pacific Northwest Football Hall of Fame in 2011 after 17 seasons as the head coach at Puyallup High, winning the state title in 1987. His nephew, Sam, is a quarterback at USC, while his niece, Haley, is a on Montana's basketball team. His sister-in-law, Molly, played basketball at Washington (1995-99).

He and his wife, Dolly, have 2 daughters.

ANTHONY JONES JR.
Running Back Coach
Run Game Coordinator

Anthony Jones Jr. enters his second season as USC's running backs coach and run game coordinator.

In 2024, the Trojans finished the season ranked in the national Top 25 in third down conversion percentage (25, 0.448), total offense (23, 437.2) and first downs offense (24, 303). Jones coached running back Woody Marks who was a powerhouse for USC in his one season at Troy. He recorded 1,133 rushing yards on 198 attempts (5.7 avg.) with 9 TDs. He sits at 24th among USC's all-time single-season rushing leaders with 1,133 yards this season. He surpassed Anthony Davis who had 1,112 rushing yards in the 1973 season. Marks became USC's first 1,000-yard rusher since Ronald Jones II rushed for 1,550 yards in 2017. Since Reggie Bush and LenDale White were 1,000-yard rushers in 2005, just five USC RBs have been 1,000-yard season rushers: Joe McKnight (2009), Curtis McNeal (2011), Javorius Allen (2014), Ronald Jones II (2016 & 2017) and Woody Marks. He also tied with wide receiver Zachariah Branch for USC's 2024 receiving leader with 47 catches for 321 yards (6.83 avg.). He was the first Trojan running back with 40+ catches in a single season since Javorius Allen recorded 41 in 2014. Marks averaged 121.17 all-purpose yards per game, which ranked third in the Big Ten and 18thin the nation. The Trojans concluded the season with a 35-31 victory over Texas A&M in the Las Vegas Bowl. The win marked the biggest comeback victory in Las Vegas Bowl history. Additionally, it was the largest deficit that USC has ever overcome in a bowl game win, with the previous being a 15-point deficit against Penn State in the 2017 Rose Bowl.

Prior to USC, Jones Jr. served as the running backs coach at TCU (2022-23). The 2023 Horned Frogs went 5-7, but were ranked No. 11 in the nation in total offense (466.7), and Emani Bailey was No. 20 in the nation in rushing yards (1,209) and No. 14 in rushing yards per game (100.8).

In 2022, Jones worked side-by-side with former TCU offensive coordinator Garrett Riley and helped to coach the Horned Frogs to the 2022 College Football Playoff National Championship.

He tutored Kendre Miller, who was selected in the third round of the 2023 NFL Draft by the New Orleans Saints. Miller earned 2022 First-Team All-Big 12 honors and was a Doak Walker Award Semifinalist. His 1,399 yards made him TCU's first 1,000-yard rusher since 2016. It was also the most by a Horned Frog since LaDainian Tomlinson led the nation with 2,158 in 2000. Jones also coached Emari Demercado to a career-best season with 681 yards rushing, including 150 yards in the CFP Semifinal win over Michigan.

He was selected for the 2021 AFCA 35 Under 35 Leadership Institute as well as the 2022 NCAA and NFL Coaches Academy.

Prior to TCU, Jones spent 4 seasons as running backs coach and recruiting coordinator at Memphis (2018-2021). The Tigers made a bowl appearance each season.

In his first 2 seasons with the running backs, Memphis totaled 6,533 rushing yards and 78 touchdowns. In 2020, Jones and the running backs helped Memphis rank 22nd in the nation in total offense (453.1) while finishing the year 17th in the nation in both passing offense (307.9) and first downs (260).

While at Memphis, 4 of his running backs were drafted in a three-year period. In the 2021 NFL Draft, Kenneth Gainwell was picked in the fifth round by the Philadelphia Eagles. Gainwell was the 2019 American Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year and Football Writers Association of America Freshman of the Year. He was second in the AAC and 12th nationally in rushing with 1,459 yards. Jones also coached Antonio Gibson who was selected in the third round by the Washington Football Team in the 2020 NFL Draft. In 2019, Darrell Henderson and Tony Pollard were both drafted. Henderson was selected in the third round by the Los Angeles Rams, while Pollard was taken in the fourth round by the Dallas Cowboys.

Jones spent 6 seasons (2013-18) as the head coach of Cordova High School in Cordova, Tenn. In his first season leading the Wolfpack, the program recorded its first winning season in 9 years. Three years later, Cordova tallied the most wins (12) in school history and advanced to the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division I Class 6A state playoffs semifinal round, before falling to the eventual state champions. In 2017, Jones led Cordova to an 8-3 record and a TSSAA Division I Class 6A playoff appearance.

He was named an AutoZone Liberty Bowl High School All-Star Game assistant coach three times (2012, 2014 and 2015) and was selected to coach in the 2017 Toyota East-West All-Star Classic in Clarksville, Tenn. Jones was awarded District 16A Coach of the Year honors in 2011 and 2012 and also the District 14A Coach of the Year in 2013.

Prior to coaching at Cordova, Jones returned to his alma mater, Westwood High School in Memphis, Tenn. to serve as an assistant coach (2007-2010) before he took over head coaching duties in 2010. As the head coach at Westwood, he guided the Longhorns to their first winning season in 18 years. That marked the first of three-straight conference and regional championships (2010, 2011, 2012) for Westwood.

Throughout 6 seasons as a high school head coach, Jones coached 75 players who earned college football scholarships.

Jones worked as a graduate assistant at Tennessee at Chattanooga in 2007.

Jones was a wide receiver at Tennessee at Chattanooga where he earned First Team All-Southern Conference honors. He graduated with a degree in business. Jones also holds a master's degree in education from Union University.

Jones and his wife, Christina, have two children: Kenzie and Kaylie.

D'ANTON LYNN
Defensive Coordinator

D'Anton Lynn, who has experience coaching at both the collegiate and NFL levels, enters his second season USC's defensive coordinator.

In Lynn's first season at USC, he led a massive one-season defensive turnaround. USC held opponents to an average of just 24.1 points per game, improving from 34.4 in 2023. The Trojans finished the 2024 season ranked No. 21 in the nation and No. 2 in the Big Ten Conference in third-down conversion percentage defense (0.335), compared to ranking No. 106 (0.436) in 2023. USC's defense improved in a variety of other statistical categories including ranking No. 33 in passes intercepted (12) and No. 53 in rushing defense (141.2) in 2024. The Trojan defense ranked No. 58 in turnovers gained by collecting 18 throughout the season and ranked No. 69 in red zone defense (0.830) in 2024. USC finished ranked No. 70 in team passing efficiency defense (132.50), improved to No. 77 in total defense (377.1) and was No. 86 in the nation in first downs defense (262) in 2024. The Trojans concluded the season with a 35-31 victory over Texas A&M in the Las Vegas Bowl. The win marked the biggest comeback victory in Las Vegas Bowl history. Additionally, it was the largest deficit that USC has ever overcome in a bowl game win, with the previous being a 15-point deficit against Penn State in the 2017 Rose Bowl.

Safety Jaylin Smith earned All-Big Ten Third Team honors. He recorded 59 tackles, including 4 for loss of 5 yards, 2 PBUs and tied for a team-leading 2 INTs.

Prior to USC, Lynn served as the defensive coordinator at UCLA (2023) where he completely transformed the Bruin defense. He elevated UCLA's defense from ranking No. 87 in 2022 to finishing the 2023 regular season ranked No. 10 in the nation.

Lynn's defense finished the regular season ranked first in the nation in rushing defense (69.6 yards per game), second in the nation in yards per rush allowed (2.33) and third in the nation in sacks per game (3.42). Opponents averaged just 299.0 yards per game, which was the lowest by a Bruin team since 1992 (297.8). Additionally, UCLA's 41 sacks rank fourth nationally and are the most by a Bruin defense since 2012. UCLA also ranks fourth in the nation in tackles for loss with 99. The Bruins allowed multiple touchdowns in just 5 games in 2023. UCLA held 9 of its opponents to 20 points or less and only allowed 3 rushing touchdowns all season.

Lynn also tutored Bruin star DE Laiatu Latu, who led the nation in tackles for loss per game (1.8) and was fourth nationally in sacks per game (1.08). Latu won the Lombardi Award and was a finalist for Bednarik Award and the Lott IMPACT Trophy.

Prior to arriving in Los Angeles, Lynn spent 9 seasons in the NFL. He was the safeties coach for the Baltimore Ravens for the 2021 and 2022 seasons. In 2022, the Ravens surrendered just 18.5 points per game, which ranked third in the NFL. Lynn guided a position group that featured Chuck Clark, who piled up a career-high 101 total tackles, and Marcus Williams, who led the de-

fense with 4 interceptions. Lynn also developed rookie Kyle Hamilton, who collected 62 tackles. He was also chosen as East head coach for the 2022 East-West Shrine Bowl in Las Vegas.

Lynn spent 2020 as the Houston Texans secondary coach after spending 2 years as their assistant secondary coach (2018-19). Houston won back-to-back AFC South championships in 2018 and 2019. The 2018 team gave up 19.8 points per game, which tied for the league's fourth-best mark. The Texans +13 turnover differential in 2018 still holds a franchise record and was second in the league. Safety Justin Reid excelled in the defensive backfield under Lynn, tallying 249 total tackles and 5 interceptions in 41 games.

In 2017, Lynn held a defensive assistant role with the Los Angeles Chargers when his father, Anthony Lynn, was the head coach. He worked primarily with a linebacker group that contributed to the NFL's best red zone defense. The Chargers defense gave up the third-fewest points per game at 17.0 and was tied for fifth in sacks with 43. Joey Bosa (12.5, seventh) and Melvin Ingram (10.5, 15th) were each listed among the league leaders for sacks.

Lynn was an assistant with the Buffalo Bills from 2015-16. He coached a defense that finished fourth in both passing touchdowns allowed with 19 and in opponent completion percentage of 59.9% in 2016. The 2015 squad tied for the league lead with 93 passes defended and held opponents to the third-lowest completion percentage of 57.6%.

Lynn began his coaching career as a seasonal intern for the New York Jets in 2014.

Prior to his coaching career, he worked in the scouting department for the Jets in 2013.

Lynn was signed by the Jets as an undrafted free agent in 2012 before finishing his playing career with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League in 2013.

Lynn was a three-time All-Big Ten honorable mention cornerback for Penn State. While playing for the Nittany Lions from 2008-11, he recorded 162 total tackles, 7.0 tackles for loss, 4 interceptions and 1 fumble recovery in 47 games, while starting 37 of his last 38 played. In 2010, Lynn was second among the Nittany Lions with 75 total tackles and tied for the team lead with 3 interceptions.

Lynn and his wife, Courtney, have two children. His father, Anthony, currently serves as the run game coordinator and running backs coach for the Washington Commanders.

SHAUN NUA
Defensive Ends Coach

Shaun Nua, a former NFL Super Bowl-winning defensive end who has coaching experience in the Pac-12 and Big Ten, enters his fourth season at USC and second as defensive end coach.

In 2024, Nua's unit and the Trojan defense significantly improved. USC held opponents to an average of just 24.1 points per game, improving from 34.4 in 2023. The Trojans finished the 2024 season ranked No. 21 in the nation and No. 2 in the Big Ten Conference in third-down conversion percentage defense (0.335), compared to ranking No. 106 (0.436) in 2023. USC's defense improved in a variety of other statistical categories including ranking No. 33 in passes intercepted (12) and No. 53 in rushing defense (141.2) in 2024. The Trojan defense ranked No. 58 in turnovers gained by collecting 18 throughout the season and ranked No. 69 in red zone defense (0.830) in 2024. USC finished ranked No. 70 in team passing efficiency defense (132.50), improved to No. 77 in total defense (377.1) and was No. 86 in the nation in first downs defense (262) in 2024. The Trojans concluded the season with a 35-31 victory over Texas A&M in the Las Vegas Bowl. The win marked the biggest comeback victory in Las Vegas Bowl history. Additionally, it was the largest deficit that USC has ever overcome in a bowl game win, with the previous being a 15-point deficit against Penn State in the 2017 Rose Bowl.

In 2023, Nua, USC's defensive line coach, tutored sophomore Bear Alexander, a Georgia transfer, who made a massive impact on the Trojan defensive line. USC was victorious over No. 16 Louisville in the Holiday Bowl to end the season. Defensive lineman Solomon Byrd was selected in the seventh round of the 2024 NFL Draft by the Houston Texans.

In 2022, Nua was a semifinalist for the Broyles Award. He coached Tuli Tuipulotu, one of the top defenders in the nation in 2022. Tuipulotu was the Polynesian College Football Player of the Year, the Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year, the defensive Morris Trophy winner and was a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, the Rotary Lombardi Award, the Chuck Bednarik Award, the Ted Hendricks Award, and the Lott IMPACT Trophy. Tuipulotu was also a Unanimous First Team All-American being selected by AP, Football Coaches, Football Writers, Walter Camp and Sporting News. He led the nation in sacks with 13.5 and was second in the nation in tackles for loss with 22.0. USC played in the Cotton Bowl to conclude the 2022 season. Tuipulotu was selected in the second round of the 2023 NFL Draft by the Los Angeles Chargers.

He spent the previous 3 seasons (2019-21) as Michigan's defensive line coach. Defensive end Kwity Paye was a first round selection in the 2021 NFL Draft by the Indianapolis Colts. In 2021, defensive end Aidan Hutchinson was a consensus All-American first teamer, Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year and Academic All-American first teamer when he won the Lombardi Award, Hendricks Award and Lott IMPACT Trophy. Hutchinson was the No. 2 overall pick by the Detroit Lions in the 2022 NFL Draft. Michigan was 21st nationally in sacks (2.77) in 2019 and held 7 teams under 100 rushing yards. UM defensive linemen posted 23 tackles for loss and 15.5 sacks in 2019 and followed that with 13.5 tackles for loss and 6.5 sacks during the COVID-shortened 2020 season. The Wolverines played in the 2020 Citrus Bowl and 2021 CFP semifinals in the Orange Bowl.

He was the defensive line coach at Arizona State in 2018. Defensive lineman Russell Wren was a fourth round pick in the 2019 NFL Draft by the Cincinnati Bengals. The Sun Devils played in the 2018 Las Vegas Bowl.

He spent 6 seasons (2012-17) as the defensive line coach at the U.S. Naval Academy. Defensive end Will Anthony was All-American Athletic Conference first team in 2015. The Midshipmen won a school-record 11 games, finished 18th in both polls and shared the AAC West Division title in 2015, their first season in the AAC. In 2016, Navy played in the AAC Championship Game. During his tenure, Navy beat Army 4 times, won 3 Commander-In-Chief's Trophies and played in a bowl each season (2012 Fight Hunger Bowl, 2013 Armed Forces Bowl, 2014 Poinsettia Bowl, 2015 Military Bowl, 2016 Armed Forces Bowl and 2017 Military Bowl).

He began his coaching career at BYU, his alma mater, serving as an intern in 2009 and then a graduate assistant coach working with the defense. BYU was 24th nationally in total defense in 2010 and 13th in 2011. The Cougars appeared in the 2009 Las Vegas Bowl, 2010 New Mexico Bowl and 2011 Armed Forces Bowl.

He played 4 seasons (2005-08) in the NFL, the first 3 with the Pittsburgh Steelers and 2008 with the Buffalo Bills. He was a member of the Steelers' Super Bowl XL-winning team in 2006.

He was a defensive end at BYU for 3 seasons (2002-04), earning All-Mountain West second team honors in 2004.

He earned his bachelor's degree in youth and family recreation in 2005 and a master's degree in recreation management in 2013, both from BYU.

He was a Junior College All-American at Eastern Arizona Junior College before transferring to BYU.

He attended Tafuna High in American Samoa.

He and his wife, Hilary, have 3 children: Losi, Kelina and Malia. He is the son of Sao and Usu Nua. His cousin, Ianeta Le'i, played softball (first base) for 4 seasons (2003-06) at BYU, where she wa s a 3-time All-American and then served as an assistant coach (2007-13). His cousin, Devin Tavana, was an offensive lineman at Southern Utah (2010-11).

TROVON REED
Cornerbacks Coach

Trovon Reed enters his first season as USC's cornerbacks coach after most recently serving as the cornerbacks coach at UCF.

During his one season at UCF, Reed developed a room of impressive cornerbacks. Redshirt senior Mac McWilliams, a Senior Bowl invitee, finished the 2024 season with 32 tackles, with 6.5 for loss of 23 yards (including 1 sack for minus 4 yards), 2 PBUs, 1 INT and 1 forced fumble. Per PFF, McWilliams was the fourth-highest graded cornerback in the Big 12.

Senior Brandon Adams, another Senior Bowl invitee, tallied 14 tackles, including 1 for loss of 1 yard. He tied for a team-leading 2 INTs and notched 2 PBUs.

Reed was the only cornerbacks coach in the nation to have two of his players compete in the 2025 Reese's Senior Bowl.

Reed also tutored freshman Chasen Johnson. A two-time PFF Freshman of the Week, Johnson collected 18 tackles, with 0.5 for loss of 1 yard and 2 PBUs while seeing action in 12 games with 4 starts.

Prior to UCF, Reed spent three seasons (2021-23) at Auburn as the Tigers' director of football and recruiting relations. While at Auburn, he became a fixture in recruiting and helped the Tigers land several top recruits. In 2024, Reed helped Auburn sign the No. 8 recruiting class in the nation, per On3 and Rivals. The Tigers also recorded two Top 20 recruiting classes in 2022 and 2023. In 2021, Auburn had a coaching vacancy, and Reed was able to be elevated into an authorized off-campus recruiter.

Reed was a five-star recruit in the Class of 2010 out of Thibodaux HS in Louisiana, rated by

the 247Sports Composite as the No. 25 player in the country. He played at Auburn from 2010-14 and was a member of Auburn's 2010 National Championship team. He helped the Tigers win two SEC Championships (2010 and 2013) and earn another appearance in the national title game (2014). He spent most of his career at wide receiver before moving to cornerback for his final season in 2014.

As an undrafted free agent, Reed spent time playing for several NFL teams from 2015-18 including the Seattle Seahawks, St. Louis Rams, Miami Dolphins, San Diego Chargers and San Francisco 49ers. He was a member of the AAF's Birmingham Iron and the XFL's St. Louis Battlehawks and Tampa Bay Vipers.

ROB RYAN
Assistant Head Coach for Defense
Linebackers Coach

Rob Ryan, a Super Bowl-winning coach with 35 years of experience enters his first season as USC's assistant head coach for defense/linebackers coach.

In his 35 years of coaching, including 24 seasons in the NFL, Ryan has served as the defensive coordinator for the Oakland Raiders (2004-08), Cleveland Browns (2009-10), Dallas Cowboys (2011-12) and New Orleans Saints (2013-15), while also holding coaching positions with the Arizona Cardinals (1994-95), New England Patriots (2000-03), Buffalo Bills (2016), Washington Redskins (2019), Baltimore Ravens (2021) and Las Vegas Raiders (22-24).

Ryan most recently served as a senior defensive assistant for the Las Vegas Raiders from 2022-24.

During the 2022 season, Ryan helped guide DE Maxx Crosby to his second Pro Bowl selection after recording career bests in tackles (88), tackles for loss (22) and sacks (12.5). Crosby's 88 tackles are the most in a single season by a Raiders defensive lineman, and he became only the second defensive lineman in franchise history to record 20+ tackles for loss in a single season. He also worked with four-time Pro Bowler DE Chandler Jones, who finished second on the team with 4.5 sacks and 15 quarterback hits. Under the guidance of Ryan, the defense ranked 19th in the NFL in rushing yards allowed per game (122.8 yards per game) and saw a slight improvement in tackles for loss (68) and stuffs (39) from the previous year.

In 2023, Ryan helped lead a unit that allowed just 331 points, the ninth best mark in the NFL and the fewest points allowed by the Raiders in a single season since 2002 (304). The Raiders defense also recorded 5 defensive touchdowns in 2023, the second most in the league and tied for the third most in a single season in franchise history – the most since 2000 (6). Ryan also helped lead the defense to a major improvement from the first half of the season to the second half after Antonio Pierce became the interim head coach in Week 9. From Week 9-18, the Raiders defense ranked first in the NFL points allowed per game (16.0), tied for third in sacks (30), first in defensive touchdowns (4) and tied for 10th in takeaways (14).

In 2024, Ryan helped Crosby earn his fourth Pro Bowl nod as he finished third in the NFL in tackles for loss (17) despite missing four games. As one of the league's best pass rushers, Crosby finished the season with 45 tackles, including 17 for loss with 7.5 sacks, 20 quarterback hits and 5 passes defended in 12 games before a season-ending ankle surgery. Crosby has tied 12 other Raiders with 4 Pro Bowl appearances, which ranks seventh in franchise history. LB Robert Spillane notched a team-leading and career-high 158 tackles, including 10 for loss with 2 sacks, 7 deflected passes and 2 interceptions.

Ryan spent the 2021 season as the inside linebackers coach for the Baltimore Ravens. During his time with the Ravens, Ryan helped guide LB Patrick Queen as he led the team with 98 tackles. Ryan's position group was instrumental to the No. 1 ranked run defense in the NFL (84.5 yards per game).

In 2019, Ryan coached inside linebackers for the Washington Redskins, helping guide LB Jon Bostic to a career-high 105 tackles. He also tutored rookie LB Cole Holcomb, who finished second in the NFL among rookie defenders with 101 tackles.

During the 2016 season, Ryan served as the Buffalo Bills' assistant head coach/defense under his twin brother, head coach Rex Ryan. The defense ranked sixth in the NFL in passing defense (223.9 yards per game), eighth in sacks (39) and produced 4 Pro Bowlers in DT Kyle Williams, LB Lorenzo Alexander, LB Zach Brown and CB Stephon Gilmore.

From 2013-15, Ryan served as defensive coordinator for the New Orleans Saints.

In 2013, Ryan led a Saints' defensive unit that finished fourth in the NFL in total defense (305.7), a 28-place improvement from the prior season. The unit ranked in the Top 10 in many defensive categories, including second in pass defense (194.1), fourth in sacks (49), fourth in scoring defense (19.0) and ninth in third down conversion percentage (34.7). Ryan helped S Kenny Vaccaro earn Pro Football Writers Association All-Rookie Team honors after leading the secondary with 77 tackles. He also mentored DE Cameron Jordan as he was selected to his first Pro Bowl after ranking fifth in the league with a career-high 12.5 sacks.

In 2014, He guided LB Curtis Lofton to a career-high 144 tackles, the fourth-most in the NFL, while DE Cameron Jordan recorded 7.5 sacks.

In 2015, Ryan led a defensive unit that was among the youngest in the NFL and helped mentor a rookie class that included LB Stephone Anthony and LB Hau'oli Kikaha. Under the guidance of Ryan, Anthony finished with 112 tackles, first among rookies, and was named to the All-Rookie Team, while Kikaha recorded 4 forced fumbles to tie for second in the NFL and rank first among rookies. Ryan helped DE Cameron Jordan earn his second Pro Bowl selection after finishing with 10 sacks.

Ryan spent two seasons as the Dallas Cowboys' defensive coordinator from 2011-12, working with OLB DeMarcus Ware who recorded double-digit sacks totals and earned Pro Bowl honors in both seasons. In 2011, Ryan helped Ware to his sixth Pro Bowl selection and fourth All-Pro First Team recognition after finishing second in the NFL with 19.5 sacks, the second most during his career. Ryan also helped second year LB Sean Lee lead the team with 105 tackles. In 2012, Ryan led a defense that produced 2 Pro Bowl selections in DE Anthony Spencer and Ware (his seventh-consecutive Pro Bowl). Spencer posted a career-high 11 sacks while Ware led the team with 11.5 sacks, making the Cowboys one of three teams in the NFL to have two players with 11-plus sacks.

From 2009-10, Ryan served as the defensive coordinator for the Cleveland Browns. During his first season with the Browns, Ryan led a defensive unit that ranked eighth in the NFL in sacks (40).

In 2010, the Browns' defense tied for eighth in the NFL with 19 interceptions and Ryan saw 6 different players post multiple takeaways. Cleveland also ranked 13th in points allowed (20.8). Ryan guided a secondary that included rookie CB Joe Haden, who tied for fifth in the NFL and second among rookies with a career-high 6 interceptions. Ryan also mentored rookie S T.J. Ward, who finished first among all rookies and sixth among all defensive backs in the NFL with 123 tackles. Both players were named to the Pro Football Writers Association All-Rookie Team. Under Ryan's guidance, the Browns defense allowed the fourth-fewest rushing touchdowns (7).

Ryan earned his first NFL defensive coordinator position with the Raiders and spent five seasons (2004-08) with the organization, where, during that span, his units ranked sixth in the NFL in pass defense (199.2). He helped produce a pair of Pro Bowlers: DE Derrick Burgess and CB Nnamdi Asomugha. In 2005, Ryan saw Burgess named to his first Pro Bowl after leading the NFL with a career-high 16 sacks. In 2006, Ryan oversaw a defense that led the NFL in pass defense and ranked third in total defense. The Raiders defense under Ryan also ranked fourth in the NFL in fewest yards allowed per play, fifth in defense inside the 20, tied for fifth in defensive touchdowns and fifth in net passing yards per play. Ryan's defensive schemes in 2006 also helped Burgess record 11 sacks and play in his second straight Pro Bowl and DT Warren Sapp record 10 sacks, an NFL high for defensive tackles. In addition, the defensive schemes helped CB Nnamdi Asomugha post a career-high 8 interceptions to tie for third in the league.

Prior to the Raiders, Ryan spent four years (2000-03) as the linebackers coach for the New England Patriots. He was part of 2 Super Bowl championship teams (XXXVI and XXXVIII). Ryan's unit contributed to one of the best scoring defenses in franchise history in 2001, as the Patriots allowed just 14.9 points per game and recorded 29 interceptions to rank first in the NFL in both categories. New England's run defense also ranked fourth in the league (89.6). In 2003, Ryan's squad helped the Patriots defense rank first in the NFL in fewest points allowed (238) while ranking seventh overall in the NFL in total defense (291.6 yards per game). Ryan mentored Pro Bowlers LB Willie McGinest and LB Tedy Bruschi.

From 1997-99, Ryan coached college ball and was Oklahoma State's defensive coordinator, where he led the Cowboys defense to continually rank among the best in the nation. He was named Coordinator of the Year by The Sporting News in 1997. In his first season at Oklahoma State, the Cowboys defense finished among the nation's Top 20 in turnover margin, rushing defense, scoring defense and total defense, allowing just 302.7 yards per game. It was an over 100-yard improvement per game from the year before. The Cowboys produced an 8-4 record and concluded the year with an Alamo Bowl appearance. Following the season, DB R.W. McQuarters was selected by the 49ers in the first round of the NFL Draft. In 1998, the Cowboys were second in the nation in sacks with 41. In 1999, Oklahoma State was ranked 10th in the nation in total defense.

Ryan served as defensive coordinator at

Hutchinson Community College (Kan.) in 1996, where the Blue Dragons led the nation in total defense (228 yards per game) and in sacks (56). His defense also set a national record by forcing 49 turnovers.

Ryan originally entered the NFL coaching ranks in 1994 as defensive backs coach on his father's staff with the Arizona Cardinals. He was with the club or 2 years (1994-95). With Ryan as his position coach, CB Aeneas Williams earned two trips to the Pro Bowl in 1994 and 1995. The 1994 Cardinals ranked second in the NFL total defense, second in run defense and third in pass defense. In 1995, the Cardinals led the NFL with 32 interceptions and 42 total takeaways.

Ryan was a graduate assistant at Western Kentucky in 1987 and at Ohio State in 1988. Ryan then spent five seasons at Tennessee State, where he coached running backs (1989-91), linebackers (1992) and the defensive line (1993).

Ryan played outside linebacker at Southwestern Oklahoma State (1981-82). He is the son of NFL defensive coaching legend Buddy Ryan. His twin brother, Rex, was a head coach in the NFL for the New York Jets (2009-14) and Buffalo Bills (2015-16).

CHAD SAVAGE
Tight Ends / Inside Receivers Coach

Chad Savage, one of the nation's top recruiters, enters his first season as USC's tight ends/inside receivers coach.

Savage most recently served as the wide receivers coach/recruiting coordinator at Colorado State from 2022-24.

He was named the Mountain West Recruiter of the Year by 247Sports for three consecutive seasons (2022-24). Savage primarily recruited Southern California and Arizona and was instrumental in signing over 25 players from the Greater Los Angeles area to play at Colorado State. His recruiting efforts led to the signing of 2024 class wide receiver Jordan Ross, the highest-ranked recruit to ever sign with the Rams.

Savage was also named to 247Sports.com's "30 under 30" list in 2022 for being one of the nation's top young assistant coaches.

At Colorado State, Savage tutored NFL prospect wide receiver Tory Horton. Horton was a two-time All-Mountain West First Team honoree (2022 and 2023).

In 2022, Savage mentored Horton to a 1,000-yard season as he led the conference in receiving yards (1,131), yards per game (94.3) and receptions (71) while notching five 100-yard games. His receiving yards ranked 12th in the nation, while his receiving yards per game ranked 10th in the nation. He was named to the Biletnikoff Watch List and finished 2022 ranked No. 8 in single-season receiving yards, No. 10 in single-season receptions and No. 11 in single-season TD receptions (8) in program history. True freshman wide receiver Justus Ross-Simmons also became a starter and a dependable target with 26 receptions for 424 yards, averaging 16.3 yards per catch.

Horton finished the 2023 season leading the Rams with 1,136 yards on 96 receptions with 8 TDs. The wideout tallied 4 games with 100-plus yards, including a 227-yard performance against Utah Tech – seventh best in program history – with 3 scores. His 1,136 receiving yards were the eighth most in a single season, and his 96 receptions tied for second most in a single season in program history. Horton led the Mountain West in receptions per game (8.0) and was fourth in the nation in the stat. He finished second in the conference (and No. 17 in the nation) in receiving yards (1,136) and second in the conference (and 11th in the nation) in receiving yards per game (94.7).

After suffering a season ending injury in 2024, Horton, a two-time team captain, finished his career just 35 yards shy of Colorado State's career receiving yards record. He finished fourth all-time in career receptions with 193.

Upon his arrival to Fort Collins, Colo. in 2022, Savage was initially named tight ends coach before being moved to wide receivers prior to spring practice.

Prior to Colorado State, Savage coached tight ends at Nevada in 2021, where he mentored Cole Turner, a fifth-round draft pick by the Washington Commanders in the 2022 NFL Draft. At 26-years-old, Savage was one of the youngest full-time coaches in the Mountain West.

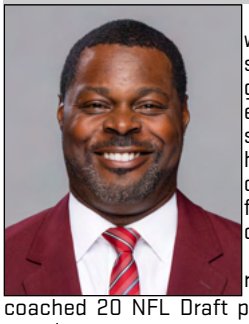
In 2020, Savage served as the wide receivers coach at San Diego. The Toreros did not have a fall football season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

From 2018-19, he was an offensive graduate assistant at Nevada.

He began his collegiate playing career at Division III Linfield College in Oregon before transferring to San Diego, where he spent one year (2014) as a wide receiver for the Toreros and three as an undergraduate assistant (2015-17) working with running backs, wide receivers and tight ends. During his time at USD he assisted with the passing game plan, scouting reports, coordinated the scout teams and worked with on-campus recruiting. The Toreros compiled a 29-7 record during Savage's first tenure and added two Pioneer Football League championships and two FCS playoff wins.

Savage also coached wide receivers for the US National High School Football Team in 2016.

DENNIS SIMMONS
Assistant Head Coach
Offensive Passing Game Coordinator
Wide Receivers Coach



Dennis Simmons, who has coached some of the collegiate game's elite receivers, enters his fourth season as the assistant head coach, wide receivers coach and offensive passing game coordinator.

Throughout his career, Simmons has coached 20 NFL Draft picks, including 5 first rounders.

In 2024, the Trojans finished the season ranked in the national Top 25 in passing offense (10, 291.9), third down conversion percentage (25, 0.448), total offense (23, 437.2) and first downs offense (24, 303). WR Makai Lemon was USC's most versatile player of the 2024 season. He recorded 46 receptions for a team-leading 665 yards (14.5 avg.) and 3 TDs. Lemon also fielded kickoff returns, recording 18 returns for 468 yards (26.0 avg.) with a long of 80 yards. He ranked No. 6 in the nation in kickoff returns. The Trojans concluded the season with a 35-31 victory over Texas A&M in the Las Vegas Bowl. The win marked the biggest comeback victory in Las Vegas Bowl history. Additionally, it was the largest deficit that USC has ever overcome in a bowl game win, with the previous being a 15-point deficit against Penn State in the 2017 Rose Bowl. Wide receiver Ja'Kobi Lane was named the bowl MVP after recording 7 receptions for 127 yards and a Las Vegas Bowl record 3 TDs. Throughout the season, Lane recorded 43 receptions for 525 yards and a team-leading 12 TDs.

In 2023, Simmons' outside receivers were a part of an offense that was ranked No. 3 in the nation in scoring offense (41.8) and No. 10 in the nation in total offense (467.6). He tutored senior Brenden Rice who was ranked No. 9 in the nation in receiving touchdowns (12). WR Tahj Washington led the Trojans in receptions and receiving yards in 2023, recording 59 receptions for 1,062 yards (18.0 avg.), amassing over 1,000 yards for the first time in his career. He tallied 8 TDs for the Trojans. USC was victorious over No. 16 Louisville in the Holiday Bowl to end the season. Rice and Washington were both drafted in the seventh round of the 2024 NFL Draft by the Los Angeles Chargers and the Miami Dolphins, respectively.

In 2022, Simmons coached a standout group of outside receivers who contributed to a recorded-setting season for the Trojan offense in 2022. He tutored All-Pac-12 First Team member Jordan Addison (59 catches for 875 yards and 8 TDs). USC played in the Cotton Bowl to conclude the 2022 season.

He spent the previous 7 seasons (2015-21) at Oklahoma as the outside receivers coach. He added the associate head coach title in 2019 and 2020 and the assistant head coach and passing game coordinator roles in 2021. He was named one of the nation's Top 25 recruiters by Rivals in 2019. He coached a trio of All-American first team wide receivers at Oklahoma: 2016 Biletnikoff Award winner, Heisman Trophy finalist and unanimous All-American Dede Westbrook (81 catches for 1,524 yards and 17 TDs), Marquise Brown in 2018 (1,318 receiving yards and 10 TDs) and 2019 Biletnikoff finalist and consensus All-American CeeDee Lamb (62 catches for 1,327 yards with 14 TDs). During his tenure, Oklahoma played in the 2015 Orange Bowl (College Football Playoff semifinal), 2017 Sugar Bowl, 2018 Rose Bowl (CFP semifinal), 2018 Orange Bowl (CFP semifinal), 2019 Peach Bowl (CFP semifinal), 2020 Cotton Bowl and 2021 Alamo Bowl.

He was the outside receivers coach at Washington State for 3 years (2012-14). The Cougars led the nation in passing offense (477.7) in 2014, throwing for a Pac-12 record 5,732 yards, and were seventh in total offense and ninth in completion percentage when wideout Vince Mayle tied for fourth nationally in receptions (106) and was fifth in receiving yards (1,483). In 2013, WSU was fourth in the nation in passing offence (368.0) and set a Pac-12 record with 470 completions while playing in the New Mexico Bowl.

He spent 2010 and 2011 as East Carolina's outside receivers coach. Wide receiver Lance Lewis was an All-Conference USA pick in 2010 (89 catches for 1,116 yards with 14 TDs), just the third Pirate ever with a 1,000-yard receiving season. ECU played in the 2010 Military Bowl.

He was Texas Tech's outside receivers coach for 2 years (2008-09). In 2008, wide receiver Michael Crabtree repeated as the Biletnikoff winner and consensus All-American (97 receptions, 1,165 yards, 19 TDs). In 2009, wideout Alex Torres was a Freshman All-American. The Red Raiders played in the 2008 Cotton Bowl

and 2010 Alamo Bowl.

Simmons spent 2000 to 2007 in non-coaching roles at Texas Tech. He first was an assistant athletic director/quality control for the football program, then served as the chief of staff for head coach Mike Leach for 3 years (2005-07).

He coached running backs at Cornell in 1999, where also held was an assistant athletics director and chief of staff. He served as an NFL Minority Fellowship intern with the Buffalo Bills in the summer of 1999.

He began his coaching career at BYU, his alma mater, where he worked with the offensive line and special teams in 1997.

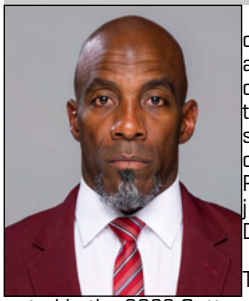
He played outside linebacker at BYU (1993-96), where he started the final 3 years. The Cougars won 4 Western Athletic Conference titles and played in the Cotton, Copper, Holiday and Aloha Bowls.

He earned his bachelor's degree in broadcast communications in 1996 and a master's degree in educational leadership in 1999, both from BYU.

He prepped at Kirby High in Memphis (Tenn.).

He and his wife, LaTosha, have a daughter, Kendyll, and son, Kannon.

BENNIE WYLIE
Director of Football Sports Performance



Bennie Wylie, one of the top strength and conditioning coaches in the country, enters his fourth season as the Director of Football Sports Performance. He joined the USC staff in December of 2021.

While at USC, the Trojans have competed in the 2023 Cotton Bowl, 2023 Holiday Bowl and 2024 Las Vegas Bowl. Throughout the offseason between the 2023 and 2024 seasons, Wylie and his staff coached the Trojans to collectively put on over 1,400 pounds of muscle.

Wylie spent the previous 4 years (2018-21) as Oklahoma's director of sports performance for football. The Sooners won the Big 12 title in 2018, 2019 and 2020, made a pair of College Football Playoff semifinal appearances in 2018 and 2019 (in the Orange and Peach Bowls, respectively) and also played in the Cotton Bowl in the 2020 season and the Alamo Bowl in 2021.

Prior to arriving at OU, he served as director of performance at The Performance Lab, a private group-training strength and fitness center in Abilene, Tex. He also provided training and obstacle fitness to United States military personnel as a staff member of Alpha Warrior.

He spent 3 years (2011-13) as strength and conditioning head coach for football at Texas. The Longhorns appeared in the 2011 Holiday Bowl and 2012 and 2013 Alamo Bowl.

He spent the 2010 season at Tennessee as strength and conditioning head coach for football. The Volunteers participated in the Music City Bowl.

He served 7 seasons (2003-09) as head strength and conditioning coach at Texas Tech. The Red Raiders competed in bowl games in each season: 2003 Houston Bowl, 2004 Holiday Bowl, 2006 Cotton Bowl, 2006 Insight Bowl, 2008 Gator Bowl, 2009 Cotton Bowl and 2010 Alamo Bowl.

He was an assistant strength and conditioning coach with the Dallas Cowboys from 1999 to 2002, helping rehabilitate injured players. He also spent the spring seasons heading the strength and conditioning program for the Dallas Desperados of the Arena Football League.

He got his start in strength and conditioning as a graduate assistant at Sam Houston State in 1998 and was named the Bearkats' interim head strength and conditioning coach that same year.

He is certified by the Titleist Performance Institute and USA Weightlifting and was named a Master Strength and Conditioning Coach by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association in 2012.

He was a 4-year (1994-97) letterwinning running back at Sam Houston State, serving as the team captain in 1997 while earning All-Southland Conference second team honors. He also was on the Bearkats' track and field team.

He earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Sam Houston State in 1999.

He prepped at Mexia (Tex.) High.

He was born on July 11, 1976. He and his wife, Jennifer, have twin sons, Braden and Caden, and a daughter, Hope.

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2024 STATS

EDDIE CZAPLICKI PUNTS

GAME	PUNTS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)	50+ YARDS
LSU	3	1 (0)	3
USU	1	1 (0)	0
MICH	7	2 (0)	5**
WISC	3	1 (0)	0
MINN	2	1 (0)	2
PSU	4	3 (0)	2
MD	5	3 (0)	2
RU	2	1 (0)	1
UW	2	2 (0)	0
NEB	4	4 (0)	3
UCLA	3	3 (0)	1
ND	4	2 (1)	2
TAMU	3	1 (0)	0
TOTAL	**43**	**25 (1)**	**21**

MILLER MOSS PUNTS

GAME	PUNTS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)	50+ YARDS
RU	1	1 (0)	0
TOTAL	**1**	**1 (0)**	**0**

MICHAEL LANTZ KICKOFFS

GAME	KICKOFFS	TOUCHBACKS
LSU	6	4
USU	9	8
MICH	5	4
WISC	7	3
MINN	3	2
PSU	7	6
MD	5	4
RU	7	4
UW	4	2
NEB	5	4
UCLA	6	4
ND	6	6
TAMU	6	4
TOTAL	**76**	**55**

RED ZONE PRODUCTION

GAME	USC	OPPONENT
LSU	4-of-5 (TD, FG, missed FG, FG, TD)	3-of-4 (turnover on downs, TD, TD, FG)
USU	8-of-8 (FG, TD, TD, FG, TD, TD, TD, TD)	0-of-1 (backed out of red zone)
MICH	4-of-5 (FG, TD, fumble/FF & fumble recovery, TD, TD)	1-of-1 (TD)
WISC	4-of-4 (FG, TD, TD, TD)	2-of-3 (TD, TD, turnvoer on downs)
MINN	2-of-2 (TD, TD)	4-of-4 (FG, TD, TD, TD)
PSU	2-of-2 (TD, TD)	6-of-6 (FG, FG, TD. FG, TD, FG)
MD	2-of-2 (TD, TD)	4-of-5 (TD, TD, INT, TD, TD)
RU	4-of-4 (TD, TD, TD, TD)	3-of-4 (FG, TD, FG, turnover on downs)
UW	2-of-4 (TD, TD, turnover on downs, turnover on downs)	4-of-4 (FG, TD, TD, TD)
NEB	3-of-4 (TD, TD, blocked FG, TD)	2-of-3 (FG, FG, INT)
UCLA	5-of-5 (FG, FG, FG, TD, FG)	2-of-2 (TD, FG)
ND	5-of-6 (TD, TD, TD, TD, INT, TD)	3-of-4 (TD, missed FG, TD, TD)
TAMU	4-of-4 (TD, TD, TD, TD)	5-of-6 (TD, INT, TD, FG, TD, TD)
TOTAL	**49-of-55 (0.891)**	**39-of-47 (0.830)**
	39--TD	26--TD
	10--FG	13--FG
	2--turnover on downs	3--turnover on downs
	1--missed FG	3--INT
	1--fumble/FF & fumble recovery	1--backed out of red zone
	1--blocked FG	1 --missed FG
	1--INT	

USC IN NCAA/BIG TEN STAT RANKINGS (as of 1/21/25)

NAME	CATEGORY	VALUE	NCAA RANK*	BIG TEN RANK**
Miller Moss	Completions Per Game	25.89	5	1
Miller Moss	Passing Yards Per Game	283.9	8	1
Makai Lemon	Kickoff Returns	26.0	10	1
Woody Marks	All Purpose	121.17	19	4
Miller Moss	Total Offense	281.9	16	2
Ja'Kobi Lane	Receiving TDs	9	16	4
Makai Lemon	Combined Kick Returns	468	20	4
Woody Marks	Rushing Yards	1,133	25	4
Woody Marks	Rush Yards Per Carry	5.72	--	3
Woody Marks	Rushing Yards Per Game	94.4	--	4
Miller Moss	Points Responsible For Per Game	13.3	--	4
USC	Net Punting	45.54	1	1
USC	Blocked Punts Allowed	0	T1	T1
USC	Passing Offense	291.7	10	1
USC	3rd Down Conv. Pct. Defense	0.322	15	2
USC	Sacks Allowed	1.17	22	5
USC	Total Offense	440.3	24	3
USC	Kickoff Returns	22.96	25	4
USC	First Downs Offense	278	--	4

*Top 25 only
**Top 5 only

2024 Team/Individual Stats

2024 Results: (Overall: 7-6 | Big Ten: 4-5 | Home: 4-2 | Away: 1-4 | Neutral: 2-0)

Date	AP	Opp. / Rank	TV	Site	Result	Attend.	Top Passer	Top Rusher	Top Reciever	Top Tackeler
9/1	23	LSU / 13	ABC	Allegiant Stadium	W 27-20	63,969	Moss (27-36-0, 378 yds, 1 TD)	Marks (16-68-2)	Hudson (5-83-0)	Ramsey (9)
9/7	13	Utah State / NR	BTN	Coliseum	W 48-0	68,110	Moss (21-30-0, 229 yds, 1 TD)	Marks (13-103-1)	McRee (4-81-0)	Gentry & Mascarenas-Arnold (7)
9/21	11	Michigan / 18	CBS	Ann Arbor, Mich.	L 24-27	110,702	Moss (28-51-1, 283 yds, 3 TDs)	Marks (13-100-0)	Branch (6-98-0)	Gentry (12)
9/28	13	Wisconsin / NR	CBS	Coliseum	W, 38-21	74,118	Moss (30-45-1, 308 yds, 3 TDs)	Marks (19-63-0)	Lane (10-105-2)	Gentry, Nicholson, Ramsey & Pepe (4)
10/5	11	Minnesota / NR	BTN	Minneapolis, Minn.	L, 17-24	50,913	Moss (23-38-2, 200 yds, 1 TD)	Marks (20-134-1)	Hudson (5-54-0)	Mascarenas-Arnold (14)
10/12	NR	Penn State / 4	CBS	Coliseum	L, 30-33 (OT)	75,250	Moss (20-34-1, 220 yds, 2 TDs)	Marks (20-111-0)	Lemon (6-73-0)	Mascarenas-Arnold (13)
10/19	NR	Maryland / NR	FS1	College Park, Md.	L, 28-29	43,013	Moss (34-50-1, 336 yds, 3 TDs)	Marks (17-82-1)	Lemon (8-89-0)	Smith (11)
10/25	NR	Rutgers / NR	FOX	Coliseum	W, 42-20	63,404	Moss (20-28-0, 308 yds, 2 TDs)	Marks (15-94-3)	Lemon (4-134-1)	Mascarenas-Arnold (11)
11/2	NR	Washington / NR	BTN	Seattle, Wash.	L, 21-26	71,251	Moss (30-50-3, 293 yds, 2 TDs)	Marks (22-123-1)	Lemon (8-70-1)	Smith, Cobb, Mascarenas-Arnold (7)
11/16	NR	Nebraska / NR	FOX	Coliseum	W, 28-20	75,304	Maiava (25-35-1, 259 yds, 3 TDs)	Marks (19-146-0)	Branch (6-41-1) Marks (6-36-0)	Cobb (9)
11/23	NR	UCLA / NR	NBC	Pasadena, Calif.	W 19-13	59,473	Maiava (19-35-0, 221 yds, 1 TD)	Marks (18-76-0)	Hudson (6-79-0)	Cobb (7)
11/30	NR	Notre Dame / 5	CBS	Coliseum	L, 35-49	73,241	Maiava (27-49-2, 360 yds, 3 TDs)	Joyner (10-83-0)	Lemon (9-133-0)	Smith & Ramsey (8)
12/27	NR	Texas A&M / NR	ESPN	Allegiant Stadium	W, 35-31	26,671	Maiava (22-39-3, 295 yds, 4 TDs)	Jackson (16-66-1)	Lane (7-127-3)	Ramsey (7)

STARTERS

Offense	QB	RB	WR	WR	WR/TE	WR/TE	LT	LG	C	RG	RT
LSU	Moss	Marks	Za. Branch	Hudson	McRee	Eldridge	Paige	Pregnon	Monheim	Noa	Murphy
Utah State	Moss	Marks	Lemon	Hudson	McRee	Lane	Paige	Pregnon	Monheim	Noa	Murphy
Michigan	Moss	Marks	Lemon	Hudson	McRee	Lane	Paige	Pregnon	Monheim	Noa	Murphy
Wisconsin	Moss	Marks	Robinson	Hudson	Za. Branch	Lane	Paige	Pregnon	Monheim	Talalele	Murphy
Minnesota	Moss	Marks	Za. Branch	Hudson	Robinson	Lane	Paige	Pregnon	Monheim	Noa	Murphy
Penn State	Moss	Marks	Branch	Hudson	Lyons	Lane	Paige	Pregnon	Monheim	Noa	Murphy
Maryland	Moss	Marks	Lemon	Robinson	McRee	Lane	Paige	Pregnon	Monheim	Noa	Murphy
Rutgers	Moss	Marks	Lemon	Hudson	Branch	Lane	Paige	Pregnon	Monheim	Noa	Murphy
Washington	Moss	Marks	Branch	Hudson	McRee	Ford	Paige	Pregnon	Monheim	Noa	Murphy
Nebraska	Maiava	Marks	Branch	Robinson	McRee	Lyons	Paige	Pregnon	Monheim	Noa	Murphy
UCLA	Maiava	Marks	Branch	Robinson	McRree	Lyons	Paige	Pregnon	Monheim	Noa	Murphy
Notre Dame	Maiava	Marks	Hudson	Lemon	McRee	Ford	Paige	Pregnon	Monheim	Noa	Murphy
Texas A&M (Las Vegas Bowl)	Maiava	Peterson	Lemon	Lane	McRee	Ford	Paige	Pregnon	O'Connor	Noa	Raymond

Defense	DE	DT	DT	DE	MLB	WLB	CB	S	S	CB	NB/SLB
LSU	Muhammad	Clifton	Meyer	Lucas	Mascarenas-Arnold	Cobb	Covington	Arnold	Ramsey	Smith	Vance Jr.
Utah State	Muhammad	Clifton	Meyer	Lucas	Mascarenas-Arnold	Gentry	Covington	Arnold	Ramsey	Humphrey	Vance Jr.
Michigan	Muhammad	Clifton	Meyer	Lucas	Mascarenas-Arnold	Cobb	Covington	Arnold	Ramsey	Smith	Gentry
Wisconsin	Muhammad	Clifton	Meyer	Lucas	Mascarenas-Arnold	Cobb	Covington	Shaw	Ramsey	Smith	Vance Jr.
Minnesota	Muhammad	Clifton	Meyer	Lucas	Mascarenas-Arnold	Cobb	Covington	Arnold	Ramsey	Smith	Beavers
Penn State	Muhammad	Thompkins	Meyer	Lucas	Mascarenas-Arnold	Cobb	Humphrey	Arnold	Ramsey	Smith	Beavers
Maryland	Muhammad	Thompkins	Meyer	Shelby	Mascarenas-Arnold	Cobb	Nicholson	Arnold	Ramsey	Smith	Vance Jr.
Rutgers	Muhammad	Thompkins	Clifton	Shelby	Mascarenas-Arnold	Cobb	Nicholson	Arnold	Zi. Branch	Humphrey	Shaw
Washington	Muhammad	Thompkins	Meyer	Shelby	Mascarenas-Arnold	Cobb	Nicholson	Arnold	Shaw	Smith	Beavers
Nebraska	Greene	Thompkins	Clifton	Fountain	Mascarenas-Arnold	Cobb	Covington	Arnold	Ramsey	Smith	Vance Jr.
UCLA	Greene	Clifton	Meyer	Fountain	Mascarenas-Arnold	Cobb	Covington	Arnold	Ramsey	Smith	Beavers Jr.
Notre Dame	Greene	Clifton	Meyer	Fountain	Mascarenas-Arnold	Cobb	Covington	Arnold	Ramsey	Smith	Vance Jr.
Texas A&M (Las Vegas Bowl)	Muhammad	Thompkins	Meyer	Fountain	Mascarenas-Arnold	Cobb	Covington	Arnold	Ramsey	Humphrey	Beavers Jr.

Punt Returns

Name	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Branch, Zachariah	13	74	5.7	0	20
Total	13	74	5.7	0	20
Opponents	13	90	6.9	0	19

Kick Returns

Name	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Lemon, Makai	19	514	27.1	0	80
Branch, Zachariah	5	105	21.0	0	45
Peterson, A'Marion	2	23	11.5	0	14
Zamora, Josiah	1	17	17.0	0	17
Team	1	-13	-13.0	0	0
Total	28	646	23.1	0	80
Opponents	14	370	26.4	0	74

Interceptions

Name	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Cobb, Mason	2	55	27.5	1	55
Mascarenas-Arnold, Easton	2	5	2.5	0	5
Smith, Jaylin	2	0	0.0	0	0
Stephens II, Desman	1	42	42.0	0	42
Robinson, Duce	1	35	35.0	0	35
Arnold, Akili	1	26	26.0	0	26
Ramsey, Kamari	1	0	0.0	0	0
Vance Jr., Greedy	1	0	0.0	0	0
Humphrey, John	1	15	15.0	0	15
Total	12	178	14.8	1	55
Opponents	15	440	29.3	3	100

Field Goals By Player

Name	FGM-FGA	PCT.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	BLK
Lantz, Michael	14-21	.667	1-1	6-8	3-4	3-6	1-2	54	2

Field Goals Sequence

Numbers in (parenthesis) indicate made field goals

	USC	Opponents
LSU	(22), 29, (35)	(45), (31)
Utah State	(23), (24)	--
Michigan	(29)	--
Wisconsin	(41)	--
Minnesota	47, (54)	(32)
Penn State	(45), (47), (39), 45	(34), (33), (20), (36)
Maryland	41	52
Rutgers	--	--
Washington	52	(39), (45)
Nebraska	27	(29), (30)
UCLA	(19), (23), (22), (30)	(51), (29)
Notre Dame	--	27
Texas A&M (Holiday Bowl)	39	(27), 39

Punting

Name	No.	Yds,	Avg.	LG.	TB	FC	In20	50+	BLK
Czaplicki, Eddie	43	2,057	47.8	62	1	15	25	21	0
Sayeri, Ryon	1	57	57.0	57	0	0	1	1	0
Moss, Miller	1	39	39.0	39	0	0	1	0	0
Total	45	2,153	47.8	62	1	15	27	22	0
Opponents	53	2,288	43.2	74	1	26	25	15	0

Kickoffs

Name	No.	Yds,	Avg.	TB	OB
Lantz, Michael	76	4,897	64.4	55	0
Total	76	4,897	64.4	55	0
Opponents	65	3,996	61.5	31	1

Game-By-Game Stats

OFFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

PASSING (Quarterback Only)

Moss, Miller	Comp	Att	INT	Pct	Yards	TD	Long
LSU	27	36	0	.750	378	1	41
Utah State	21	30	0	.700	229	1	34
Michigan	28	51	1	.549	283	3	42
Wisconsin	30	45	1	.667	308	3	32
Minnesota	23	38	2	.605	200	1	18
Penn State	20	34	1	.588	220	2	33
Maryland	34	50	1	.680	336	3	26
Rutgers	20	28	0	.714	308	2	70
Washington	30	50	3	.600	293	2	42
Total	223	362	9	.644	2,555	18	70

Maiava, Jayden	Comp	Att	INT	Pct	Yards	TD	Long
Utah State	8	11	0	.727	66	0	22
Wisconsin	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0
Nebraska	25	35	1	.714	259	3	48
UCLA	19	35	0	.543	221	1	64
Notre Dame	27	49	2	.551	360	3	35
Texas A&M	22	39	3	.564	295	4	33
Total	101	169	6	.598	1,201	11	64

Lemon, Makai	Comp	Att	INT	Pct	Yards	TD	Long
UCLA	1	1	0	1.000	39	0	39
Total	1	1	0	1.000	39	0	39

Hudson, Kyron	Comp	Att	INT	Pct	Yards	TD	Long
Michigan	0	1	0	0.000	0	0	0
Total	0	1	0	0.000	0	0	0

Rushing

Player	No-Yds / TD	LSU	Utah State	Michigan	Wisconsin	Minnesota	Penn State	Maryland	Rutgers	Washington	Nebraska	UCLA	Notre Dame	Texas A&M
Marks, Woody	198-1,133 / 9	16-68 / 2	13-103 / 1	13-100 / 0	19-63 / 0	20-134 / 1	20-111 / 0	17-82 / 1	15-94 / 3	22-123/ 1	19-146 / 0	18-76 / 0	6-33-0	--
Joyner, Quinten	63-478 / 3	4-12 / 0	10-84 / 2	3-23 / 0	6-49 / 0	4-44 / 0	3-82 / 1	3-6 / 0	3-14 / 0	6-38 / 0	7-19 / 0	4-24 / 0	10-83-0	--
Jackson, Bryan	36-188 / 1	--	7-34 / 0	--	4-12 / 0	1-2 / 0	--	--	2-3 / 0	--	--	--	6-71-0	16-66-1
Peterson, A'Marion	16-65 / 1	--	3-18 / 1	--	--	--	--	--	1-4 / 0	--	--	--	--	12-43-0
Branch, Zachariah	2-17 / 0	--	--	--	1-15 / 0	1-2 / 0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Moss, Miller	21-(-18) / 2	2-(-8) / 0	1-7 / 0	5-(-27) / 0	5-17 / 1	2-(-9) / 0	1-(-4) / 0	3-(-6) / 0	1-7 / 1	1-5 / 0	--	--	--	--
Maiava, Jayden	20-45 / 4	--	1-7 / 1	--	1-7 / 0	--	--	--	1-13 / 0	--	5-20 / 1	--	5-11-2	3-(-4)-0
Jensen, Jake	1-(-1)-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-(-1)-0	--
Team	5-(-10) / 0	1-(-3) / 0	2-(-4) / 0	--	1-(-2) / 0	--	--	1-(-1) / 0	--	--	1-(-3) / 0	3-(-5) / 0	--	--

Receiving

Player	No-Yds/ T D	LSU	Utah State	Michigan	Wisconsin	Minnesota	Penn State	Maryland	Rutgers	Washington	Nebraska	UCLA	Notre Dame	Texas A&M
Hudson, Kyron	38-462 / 3	5-83 / 0	1-16 / 0	3-31 / 0	4-42 / 0	5-54 / 0	4-36 / 1	4-41 / 1	--	1-19 / 0	3-35 / 1	6-79 / 0	2-26-0	
McRee, Lake	24-245 / 0	5-56 / 0	4-81 / 0	3-(-3) / 0	--	--	--	4-35 / 0	1-14 / 0	3-15 / 0	1-9 / 0	2-36 / 0	1-2-0	
Branch, Zachariah	47-503 / 1	4-56 / 0	4-19 / 0	6-98 / 0	4-38 / 0	3-10 / 0	2-6 / 0	4-43 / 0	2-26 / 0	6-102 / 0	6-41 / 1	2-13 / 0	4-45-0	
Lane, Ja'Kobi	36-398 / 9	3-50 / 1	2-16 / 0	4-50 / 1	10-105 / 2	2-13 / 0	2-18 / 0	4-51 / 1	2-18 / 0	3-47 / 0	--	1-4 / 1	3-26-3	7-127 / 3
Marks, Woody	47-321 / 0	3-7 / 0	3-30 / 0	5-40 / 0	4-29 / 0	4-30 / 0	2-44 / 0	4-(-3) / 0	5-48 / 0	7-26 / 0	6-36 / 0	4-25 / 0	--	
Robinson, Duce	23-396 / 5	2-49 / 0	--	2-19 / 1	2-40 / 1	4-39 / 1	1-25 / 0	3-52 / 1	--	1-5 / 0	4-90 / 1	1-14 / 0	3-63-0	
Ford, Kyle	20-258 / 2	2-45 / 0	2-35 / 0	--	2-24 / 0	2-17 / 0	--	2-14 / 0	4-45 / 1	1-9 / 1	2-28 / 0	--	3-41-0	6-59 / 1
Lemon, Makai	46-665 / 3	1-22 / 0	3-29 / 1	--	--	3-37 / 0	6-73 / 0	8-89 / 0	4-134 / 1	8-70 /1	2-15 / 0	2-69 / 0	9-133-0	6-47 / 0
Eldridge, Kade	3-19 / 0	1-6 / 0	1-11 / 0	--	1-2 / 0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Joyner, Quinten	12-89 / 1	1-4 / 0	1-9 / 0	2-6 / 0	1-10 / 0	--	2-12 / 1	--	1-10/ 0	--	1-5 / 0	2-20 / 0	1-13-0	
Lyons, Walker	6-36 / 0	--	3-21 / 0	--	2-12 / 0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-11-0	
Fair, Jay	8-78 / 1	--	2-3 / 0	3-42 / 1	--	--	1-6 / 0	1-14 / 0	1-13 / 0	--	--	--	--	
Peterson, A'Marion	2-13 / 0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-13 / 0
Richardson, Jaden	1-19 / 0	--	1-19 / 0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Ross, Charles	1-11 / 0	--	1-11 / 0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Jackson, Bryan	1-0 / 0	--	1-0 / 0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Maiava, Jayden	1-(-3) / 0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-(-3) / 0

USC Giveaways/Takeaways

	Giveaways			Takeaways			
Game	Fum	INT	Tot	Fum	Int	Tot	Diff.
LSU	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Utah State	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Michigan	1	1	2	2	0	2	0
Wisconsin	2	1	3	1	1	2	-1
Minnesota	1	2	3	1	0	1	-2
Penn State	0	1	1	0	3	3	2
Maryland	0	1	1	1	1	2	1
Rutgers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	0	3	3	0	0	0	-3
Nebraska	1	1	2	0	2	2	0
UCLA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notre Dame	0	2	2	1	1	2	0
Texas A&M	0	3	3	0	2	2	1
Total	6	15	21	6	12	18	-3

Opening Drives-Offense

Game	1st Half	2nd Half
LSU	Punt	Punt
Utah State	Field Goal	Touchdown
Michigan	Punt	Touchdown
Wisconsin	Touchdown	Punt (muffed & recoverd by USC)
Minnesota	Missed Field Goal	Touchdown
Penn State	Punt	Punt
Maryland	Punt	Interception
Rutgers	Touchdown	Punt
Washington	Punt	Touchdown
Nebraska	Punt	Touchdown
UCLA	Punt	Turnover on Downs
Notre Dame	Turnover on Downs	Touchdown
Texas A&M	Punt	Punt

Opening Drives-Defense

Game	1st Half	2nd Half
LSU	Turnover on Downs	Punt
Utah State	Punt	Turnover on Downs
Michigan	Punt	Punt
Wisconsin	Touchdown	Punt
Minnesota	Punt	Punt
Penn State	Field Goal	Touchdown
Maryland	Punt	Turnover on Downs
Rutgers	Field Goal	Punt
Washington	Punt	Punt
Nebraska	Punt	Field Goal
UCLA	Field Goal	Touchdown
Notre Dame	Touchdown	Touchdown
Texas A&M	Touchdown	Touchdown

USC On Pregame Coin Flip

Game	Result	Score
LSU	Lost (LSU received)	W, 27-20
Utah State	Lost (USC received)	W, 48-0
Michigan	Win (USC defered)	L, 24-27
Wisconsin	Loss (Wisc. deferred)	W, 38-21
Minnesota	Loss (Minn. deferred)	L, 17-24
Penn State	Win (USC received)	L, 30-33, OT
Maryland	Win (USC received)	L, 28-29
Rutgers	Win (USC received)	W, 42-20
Washington	Win (USC received)	L, 21-26
Nebraska	Loss (USC received)	W, 28-20
UCLA	Win (USC deferred)	W, 19-13
Notre Dame	Win (USC received)	L, 35-49
Texas A&M	Win (USC received)	W, 35-31

Defense Game-by-Game

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Players	Total	LSU	Utah St.	Michigan	Wisconsin	Minnesota	Penn St.	Maryland	Rutgers	UW	Nebraska	UCLA	Notre Dame	Texas A&M
Ramsey, Kamari	60	9	3	3	4	1	10	7	--	--	6	2	8	7
Gentry, Eric	33	7	7	12	4		--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Cobb, Mason	72	7	--	5	2	11	6	5	9	7	9	7	3	1
Smith, Jaylin	59	7	--	7	1	4	5	11	--	7	6	3	8	--
Mascarenas-Arnold, Easton	95	6	7	7	2	14	13	7	11	7	8	6	1	6
Arnold, Akili	60	6	2	6	--	8	7	6	3	2	1	6	7	6
Covington, Jacobe	30	5	3	6	1	3	--	--	--	--	2	5	3	2
Vance Jr., Greedy	29	4	1	2	3	1	--	5	--	4	1	3	5	--
Beavers Jr., Anthony	18	--	--	--	--	6	2	--	--	2	--	3	3	2
Shelby, Braylan	28	3	1	3	--	2	1	3	2	4	--	1	4	4
Clifton, Nate	21	3	--	--	2	3	2	3	1	1	--	2	4	--
Humphrey, John	23	3	1	--	2	--	3	4	1	2	--	1	--	6
Meyer, Gavin	32	3	1	2	2	2	2	--	4	2	5	4	1	4
Nicholson, DeCarlos	27	2	--	--	4	1	2	3	5	1	3	1	1	4
Lucas, Anthony	16	2	1	3	2	2	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pierce, Christian	8	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	3	--	1	--	--	2
Alexander, Bear	5	1	1	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Muhammad, Jamil	27	1	2	3	2	4	2	1	--	1	--	3	3	5
Thompkins, Devan	24	--	1	--	1	2	2	3	6	2	1	--	4	2
Tuliaupupu, Solomon	13	1	2	--	1	1	--	1	4	--	3	--	--	--
Branch, Zion	19	--	3	--	2	--	4	--	4	5	1	--	--	--
Fountain, Kameryn	19	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	2	1	4	1	3	5
Davis, Raesjon	5	--	2	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Stephens II, Desman	13	--	2	--	--	--	1	2	2	2	1	1	--	3
Abasiri, Jide	7	--	2	--	--	--	2	--	1	--	2	--	--	--
Madden, Garrison	5	--	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	1
Greene, Sam	15	--	1	--	--	1	2	--	3	4	--	2	2	--
Hughes, Elijah	6	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	2	2	--	--
Williams, Marcelles	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Brown, Prophet	11	--	1	--	1	--	1	--	4	2	--	--	--	2
Gallegos, Marquis	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Conley, Braylon	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pepe, Kobe	19	--	--	1	4	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	2
Pepper, Hank	3	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--
Shaw, Bryson	21	--	--	--	--	1	1	1	5	5	2	--	1	5
Newby, Elijah	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
Marks, Woody	2	--	--	1	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Marchetti, Roman	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Noa, Alani	2	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--
Branch, Zachariah	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--
Lane, Ja'Kobi	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	1
Monheim, Jonah	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--
Maiava, Jayden	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	1
Jackson, Bryan	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--

Participation Game-By-Game

No.	Player	GP-GS	LSU	Utah State	Michigan	Wisconsin	Minnesota	Penn State	Maryland	Rutgers	UW	Nebraska	UCLA	ND	Texas A&M
0	JOYNER, Quinten	12-0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
0	ARNOLD, Akili	12-12	START	START	START	...	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
1	BRANCH, Zachariah	12-8	START	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	XXX	START	START	START	START	XXX	...
2	SMITH, Jaylin	10-10	START	...	START	START	START	START	START	...	START	START	START	START	...
2	ROBINSON, Duce	12-5	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	START	START	XXX	...
4	MARKS, Woody	12-12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	...
4	MASCARENAS-ARNOLD, Easton	13-13	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
6	LEMON, Makai	12-6	XXX	START	START	...	XXX	XXX	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START
6	LUCAS, Anthony	6-6	START	START	START	START	START	START	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	MOSS, Miller	9-9	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	...	...	...	...
7	RAMSEY, Kamari	11-11	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	...	...	START	START	START	START
8	BRANCH, Zion	12-1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
8	Lane, Ja'Kobi	13-8	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START
9	FAIR, Jay	8-0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX
9	DAVIS, Raesjon	3-0	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	HUDSON, Kyron	12-9	START	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	START	START	XXX	XXX	START	...
10	MUHAMMAD, Jamil	13-10	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	START
13	COBB, Mason	12-12	START	...	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
14	MAIAVA, Jayden	7-4	...	XXX	...	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	...	START	START	START	START
14	COVINGTON, Jacobe	9-9	START	START	START	START	START	...	...	...	...	START	START	START	START
15	RICHARDSON, Jaden	4-0	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX
15	BEAVERS JR., Anthony	13-5	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	START	XXX	START
16	BROWN, Prophet	13-0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
16	CZAPLICKI, Eddie	13-0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
17	JENSEN, Jake	2-0	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...
17	NICHOLSON, DeCarlos	13-3	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
18	OLSEN, Joey	1-0	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	GENTRY, Eric	5-2	XXX	START	START	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX
19	JORDAN, Xavier	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19	HUMPHREY, John	12-3	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	START	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START
21	JACKSON, Bryan	13-0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
21	VANCE Jr., Greedy	11-6	START	START	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	START	...	XXX	START	XXX	START	...
22	PETERSON, A'Marion	10-1	...	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	START
22	CONLEY, Braylon	1-0	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
23	MATTHEWS, Walter	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
23	STEPHENS II, Desman	13-0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
24	TABARACCI, Carson	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24	PIERCE, Christian	13-0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
25	WILLIAMS, Marcelles	1-0	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
26	NEWBY, Elijah	5-0	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	XXX
27	GEBBIA, Dylan	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
27	SHAW, Bryson	12-3	...	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
28	ROY, Gage	1-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX
28	BOATWRIGHT Jr., Jarvis	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29	STUPIN, Jack	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29	CRAWFORD, Maliki	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
30	MILLER, King	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
30	GALLEGOS, Marquis	1-0	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
31	WALKER, Jadyn	1-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX
31	PEPPER, Hank	13-0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
34	SHELBY, Braylan	13-3	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
35	PEEVY, DJ	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
36	DUNN, Hunter	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
36	SANCHEZ, Rey	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
37	COWAN, Lorenzo	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
38	RUBIN, Isaiah	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
39	McKELVEY, Cian	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
39	POMERANTZ, Garrett	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
40	SEHRA, Shawn	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
40	SHIRANGI, Cameron	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Participation

Participation Game-By-Game (Cont.)

No.	Player	GP-GS	LSU	Utah State	Michigan	Wisconsin	Minnesota	Penn State	Maryland	Rutgers	UW	Nebraska	UCLA	ND	Texas A&M
41	MADDEN, Garrison	12-0	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
44	ZAMORA, Josiah	8-0	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
44	GREENE, Sam	12-3	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	...
45	SHEPHERD, Brandon	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
46	NERHUS, Corey	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
46	LYNCH, Denis	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
47	McDONOUGH, Devin	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
48	SAYERI, Ryon	1-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX
49	FOUNTAIN, Kameryn	8-4	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	START
50	GALVÁN, Matt	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
51	QUINTANAR, Ryan	8-0	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
56	HUGHES, Elijah	7-0	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
57	MARCHETTI, Roman	13-0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
58	TA'AGA, Kalolo	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
58	TULIAUPUPU, Solomon	10-0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	...	...	...
59	BANUELOS, Micah	2-0	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX
59	AMOS, Kash	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
60	MILLER, Kaylon	2-0	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...
61	SUSNJAR, Jack	2-0	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
61	CHO, Brendan	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
62	LEONARD, Travis	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65	TAOMI, Erwin`	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
66	QUINONES, Gino	5-0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
67	O'CONNOR, Kilian	9-1	...	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START
68	TRETER, Hayden	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
70	PREGNON, Emmanuel	13-13	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
72	PAIGE, Elijah	13-13	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
73	RAYMOND, Tobias	13-1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START
74	TAUANUU, Justin	3-0	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX
75	TALALELE, Amos	7-1	...	XXX	XXX	START	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	...
76	MURPHY, Mason	12-12	START	START	START	START	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	...
77	NOA, Alani	13-12	START	START	START	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
78	SAINA, Makai	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
79	MONHEIM, Jonah	12-12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	...
81	FORD, Kyle	13-3	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	START	START
82	ZAMORA, Seth	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
83	WOOD, Donovan	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
84	ROSS, Charles	3-0	...	XXX	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...
85	LYONS, Walker	11-3	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	...	XXX	XXX	START	START	XXX	XXX
86	WOODS, CJ	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
87	McREE, Lake	10-9	START	START	START	...	...	...	START	XXX	START	START	START	START	START
88	ELDRIDGE, Kade	12-1	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
89	FASSE, Collin	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
90	DAS, Asante	1-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX
90	ALEXANDER, Bear	3-0	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
91	JUNG, Brady	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
91	MEYER, Gavin	13-11	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	START	XXX	START	START	START
92	JONES, Carlon	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
93	BULABALAVU, Ratumana	1-0	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
94	PEPE, Kobe	13-0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
95	ROBLES, Tyler	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
96	LANTZ, Michael	13-0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
97	ABASIRI, Jide	10-0	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
98	THOMPKINS, Devan	13-6	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	START
98	WHITE, Garth	0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
99	CLIFTON, Nate	13-9	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	START	START	START	XXX

2024 GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 1 – September 1, Allegiant Stadium
USC 27, LSU 20
Att: 63,411

LSU	0	10	7	3	--	20
USC	0	10	3	14	--	27

It was an offseason filled with noise, but the Trojans proved the critics wrong as 9.2 million viewers (peaking at 11.1 million) watched USC win the fist fight against LSU in front of a record-breaking, sold-out at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas with a 27-20 victory.

This matchup set a new Allegiant Stadium attendance record at 63,969, surpassing Super Bowl LVIII. USC improved to 1-0 on the season and is now 2-1 over LSU all-time. This victory marked USC's 8th straight season opening win, and head coach **Lincoln Riley** remains undefeated in USC season openers. It was USC's first win when it trailed entering the fourth quarter against an AP-ranked team since the 2017 Rose Bowl 52-49 victory over Penn State. It was also the Trojans' first season-opening win against an AP-ranked team since defeating the then-No. 6 Auburn Tigers in 2003. This game was ABC's most-streamed college football game on record.

In USC's first meeting with LSU in 40 years, USC **QB Miller Moss** went 27-for-36 (.750) with 378 yards, a career-best, while throwing 1 TD to earn Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week honors. He is the first Trojan starting quarterback to debut with back-to-back wins over ranked teams since records available in 1971. He has started two games in his career: Holiday Bowl MVP in his debut and Big Ten Offense Player of the Week in his second. Per PFF, Moss was the third highest-graded QB in the nation with a grade of 93.4 (just behind Ole Miss' Jaxon Dart [95.7] and Purdue's Hudson Card [94.9]).

Moss, with a plethora of aerial options, spread the ball around to 10 different receivers, with 6 of them recording at least 45 yards or more.

Moss dueled with LSU's QB Garrett Nussmeier, who completed 29 of 38 passes for 304 yards with 2 TDs and 1 INT. It was a battle of QBs who waited their turns after sitting behind the two most recent Heisman Trophy winners, LSU's Jayden Daniels and USC's Caleb Williams.

On LSU's opening 7-minute long drive, USC had a massive goal line stop which resulted in a turnover on downs and completely shifted the momentum of the game.

In the second quarter, USC **WR Kyron Hudson** made a "catch of the year" worthy one-handed, acrobatic catch in the second quarter mimicking Odell Beckham Jr.'s most famous catch. This play set up the first TD of the game as **RB Woody Marks** scored a 2-yard TD later in the drive to give USC a 7-0 lead. Later that evening, this catch was No. 1 on Sunday's SportsCenter Top 10.

The Tigers responded with a TD of their own as LSU WR Kyren Lacy answered with his own acrobatic catch for a 19-yard TD to tie the game midway through the second quarter.

Both teams' kickers scored FGs, but USC **K Michael Lantz** missed a crucial 29-yard FG to close out the first half of play.

USC debuted it's new bolstered defense led by new defensive coordinator **D'Anton Lynn**. The defense showed grit, tackled well and made key defensive stops. The Trojan defensive line held its own against an experienced LSU offensive line, and USC limited LSU to just 3 rushing yards in the fourth quarter.

The game went back and forth with the Trojans taking a 20-17 lead with 5:44 left in regulation when Moss found **WR Ja'Kobi Lane** for a 28-yard touchdown. A 31-yard field goal from Ramos tied it at 20-20, but left 1:47 on the clock.

That proved to be too much time as Moss led the Trojan offense on an eight-play, 75-yard drive, culminating in a 13-yard rushing TD from Marks with 8 seconds left to win the jackpot and secure the critical victory.

It's officially a new era of USC Football, but it's just the beginning of the 2024 campaign. As the Trojans look ahead to non-conference opponents and the Big Ten gauntlet, there is much to be excited about. To quote Riley, "That was some pretty good Big Ten football today.

SCORING

Second Quarter

USC -- Marks 2-yard rush (Lantz kick)
LSU -- Lacy 19-yard pass from Nussmeier (Ramos kick)
USC -- Lantz 22-yard FG
LSU -- Ramos 45-yard FG

Third Quarter

USC -- Lantz 35-yard FG
LSU -- Anderson 13-yard pass from Nussmeier (Ramos kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Lane 28-yard pass from Moss (Lantz kick)
LSU -- Ramos 31-yard FG
USC -- Marks 13-yard rush (Lantz kick)

USC	STATISTICS	LSU
24	First Downs	21
69	Net Yards Rushing	117
378	Net Yards Passing	304
37	Passes Attempted	38
27	Passes Completed	29
0	Had Intercepted	1
60	Total Plays	64
447	Total Yards	421
3/55.3	Punts/Avg	4/38.2
2/0	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
6/50	Penalties/Yards	10/99
27:00	Time of Possession	33:00

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Marks (USC) 16-68, Emery Jr. (LSU) 10-61, Williams (LSU) 9-33
PASSING – Moss (USC) 27-36-378; Nussmeier (LSU) 29-38-304
RECEIVING – Lacy (LSU) 7-94, Hudson (USC) 5-83, Taylor (LSU) 7--62, Anderson (LSU) 5-64, McRee (USC) 5-56, Branch (USC) 4-56

GAME 2 – September 7, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
USC 48, Utah State 0
Att: 68,110

Utah State	0	0	0	0	--	0
USC	10	17	7	14	--	48

The USC Trojans displayed toughness, physicality and dominance as they defeated Utah State 48-0 in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. It was USC's first shutout since it defeated UCLA in the infamous 50-0 game in 2011.

While other perennial programs fell or struggled in Week 2, the Trojans never faltered.

The defense was the story of the evening as USC held Utah State to 190 total yards, the fewest yards allowed since the Trojans held Oregon State to 181 total yards in 2014. The 103 net yards passing by Utah State tonight was the fewest passing yards surrendered in a game by the Trojans since holding California to 93 net passing yards on Nov. 10, 2018. USC's defense gave up just 2 third-down conversions.

In his first start in the Coliseum, **QB Miller Moss** continued to be efficient. He went 21-for-30 for 229 yards and a TD.

A strong performance by the offensive line allowed both **RBs Woody Marks** and **Quinten Joyner** to dominate on the ground. Marks tallied 13 carries for 103 rushing yards (7.9 avg.) with 1 TD. It was his third career 100-yard rushing game. Joyner recorded a career-high 10 carries for a career-high 84 yards (8.4 avg.) and 2 TDs. **RB Bryan Jackson** had his first 7 carries as a Trojan, and **RB A'Marion Peterson score**d his first career TD. The Trojans rushed for 249 yards, which was the most rushing yards totaled since USC rushed for 322 yards against Oregon State in 2018.

TE Lake McRee led the Trojans with 81 yards on 4 receptions (20.3 avg.). He had a career-long reception of 34 yards in the second quarter, while **WR Makai Lemon** tied a career-best with 3 receptions for a career-high 23 yards and scored a TD.

LB Easton Mascarenas-Arnold and **LB Eric Gentry** both led the team with 7 tackles each. Mascarenas-Arnold also tallied an INT on his stat sheet.

By the fourth quarter (and after the delay of a power outage due to the LA heat), the Trojans were playing a variety of young players, providing them with invaluable game reps. And still, they managed to uphold the shutout, allowing just 89 yards in the second half.

Just two games in, there's still a lot of football left to be played. But the Trojans are optimistic. "We're still not even close to as good as we can be," Mascarenas-Arnold said.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- Lantz 23-yard FG
USC -- Joyner 9-yard rush (Lantz kick)

Second Quarter

USC -- Marks 2-yard rush (Lantz kick)
USC -- Lantz 24-yard FG
USC -- Lemon 6-yard pass from Moss (Lantz kick)

Third Quarter

USC -- Joyner 2-yard rush (Lantz kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Maiava 7-yard rush (Lantz kick)
USC -- Peterson 9-yard rush (Lantz kick)

USC	STATISTICS	USU
28	First Downs	10
249	Net Yards Rushing	87
295	Net Yards Passing	103
41	Passes Attempted	27
29	Passes Completed	18
0	Had Intercepted	1
78	Total Plays	50
544	Total Yards	190
1/35	Punts/Avg	6/37.3
2/1	Fumbles-Lost	2/0
4/27	Penalties/Yards	9/64
32:53	Time of Possession	27:07

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Marks (USC) 13-103; Joyner (USC) 10-84; Faison (USU) 9-54
PASSING – Moss (USC) 21-30-229; Barnes (USU) 18-27-103
RECEIVING – Royals (USU) 6-47; McRee (USC) 4-81; Branch (USC) 4-19; Marks (USC) 3-39; Lane (USU) 3-27; Lemon (USC) 3-23; Lyons (USC) 3-13

GAME 3 – September 21, Michigan Stadium
Michigan 27, USC 24
Att: 110,702

MICH	7	7	6	7	--	27
USC	0	3	14	7	--	24

In it's first-ever Big Ten matchup, USC fell to Michigan 24-27 in the Big House in Ann Arbor, Mich.

The attendance of 110,702 was the largest crowd USC has played in front of since it faced off against Notre Dame at Soldier Field in Chicago in front of a sold out crowd of 120,000 in 1927.

QB Miller Moss went 28-of-51 (.549) with season-high 3 TDs and 1 INT. The last time a USC QB recorded at least 51 attempts in a game was when former Heisman Trophy winner Caleb Williams recorded 52 passing attempts against Tulane in the 2023 Cotton Bowl.

RB Woody Marks tallied 13 carries for 100 rushing yards (7.7 avg.). It was his fourth career 100-yard rushing game and his second consecutive 100-yard rushing game. He also recorded 5 receptions for 40 yards. In a key moment, he ripped the football out of Michigan DT Kenneth Grant's hand after the big defensive tackle had recovered a fumble for Michigan.

WR Zachariah Branch led the Trojans with a career-high 6 receptions for a career-high 98 yards.

WRs Duce Robinson, **Ja'Kobi Lane** and **Jay Fair** each caught TD passes from Moss. **K Michael Lantz** also scored a 29-yard FG.

LB Eric Gentry led the team with 12 tackles, including 3 for loss of 8 yards (with 1 sack for minus 6 yards). He also recorded 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery.

The Wolverines finished with just 32 passing yards and 290 rushing yards.

Moss played valiantly although under pressure, and USC rallied in the second half to take the lead late in the fourth quarter following a tough first half.

The defense had stopped Michigan for the entire second half, and the Wolverines had to go 79 yards with about 2 1/2 minutes on the clock to win the game. Kalel Mullings rushed 2 yards for a TD on fourth-and-goal with 37 seconds left to claim the victory. Michigan had 19 yards of offense over its five second-half drives before Mullings' game-changing 63-yard run.

USC is now 6-5 in it's series with Michigan.

It was a tough game in a hostile road stadium, but the Trojans won't face a defense like that in an environment like that the rest of the year.

SCORING
First Quarter
MICH -- Mullings 53-yard rush (Zvada kick)
Second Quarter
MICH -- Edwards 41-yard rush (Zvada kick)
USC -- Lantz 29-yard FG
Third Quarter
USC -- Robinson 9-yard pass from Moss (Lantz kick)
MICH -- Johnson 42-yard interception return (Zvada kick blocked)
USC -- Fair 16-yard pass from Moss (Lantz kick)
Fourth Quarter
USC -- Lane 24-yard pass from Moss (Lantz kick)
MICH -- Mullings 1-yard rush (Zvada kick)

USC	STATISTICS	MICH
17	First Downs	12
96	Net Yards Rushing	290
283	Net Yards Passing	32
52	Passes Attempted	12
28	Passes Completed	7
1	Had Intercepted	0
73	Total Plays	58
379	Total Yards	322
7/53.1	Punts/Avg	8/49.1
1/1	Fumbles-Lost	2/2
6/32	Penalties/Yards	3/25
30:42	Time of Possession	29:18

TOP INDIVIDUALS
RUSHING – Mullings (MICH) 17-159; Marks (USC) 13-100; Edwards (MICH) 14-74
PASSING – Moss (USC) 28-51-283; Orji (MICH) 7-12-32
RECEIVING – Branch (USC) 6-98; Marks (USC) 5-40; Lane (USC) 4-50; Fair (USC) 3-42; Hudson (USC) 3-31; Morgan (MICH) 3-6

GAME 4 – September 28, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
USC 38, Wisconsin 21
Att: 74,118

WISC	7	14	0	0	--	21
USC	7	3	14	14	--	24

The USC Trojans embodied the battle cry of "Fight On!" after battling back from a challenging first half. The Trojans trailed 10-21 at halftime, but fought back to put up 28 unanswered points in the second half to claim the victory 38-21.

QB Miller Moss went 30-of-45 (.667) with 3 TDs and 1 INT. It was his second 300-yard passing game this season and the third of his career. He spread the ball out throwing passes to 9 different receivers. He also tallied 5 carries for 17 yards and 1 TD.

WR Ja'Kobi Lane recorded a career-best 10 catches for a career-best 105 yards and 2 TDs. This was his second career 2 TD game. His first TD against the Badgers was a career-long 32-yard reception off a perfectly thrown ball from Moss, threaded between two defenders in the corner of the end zone on USC's first offensive drive of the game. This TD put USC's first points on the board at 7-0 in favor of the Trojans.

SNP Hank Pepper made a crucial play by recovering a Wisconsin muffed punt at the Badgers' 30-yard line. This play by Pepper gave the Trojans a short field which ultimately resulted in Lane's second TD. Lane caught a 6-yard pass on an important third-and-goal in the third quarter to close the point gap by the Trojans and make the score 17-21. This score was the catalyst that began USC outscoring Wisconsin 28-0 in the second half. The ball was placed by Moss exactly where Lane could grab it with all 6-foot-4-inches of his height as he reached over the Wisconsin defender to complete the catch.

Then, **WR Duce Robinson**'s third quarter 8-yard TD reception pushed USC ahead 24-21.

In the fourth quarter, Moss called his own number, rushing 7-yards with a successful spin move and dive into the end zone to score a TD.

LB Mason Cobb returned a 55-yard interception for a TD in the fourth quarter to put an exclamation point on USC's 38-21 victory. The pass thrown by Wisconsin QB Braedyn Locke bounced off his intended receiver then off USC **CB Jacobe Covington**'s helmet and into the sticky hands of Cobb who turned on his second gear and sprinted down the sideline to score his first-ever pick-6.'

"After the way that last week finished," USC coach **Lincoln Riley** said, "to have the first half go the way it did, then to come back and play well, says a lot about the character of the guys in this room. They're going to battle. We're not going anywhere. We don't panic."

SCORING
First Quarter
USC -- Lane 32-yard pass from Moss (Lantz kick)
WISC -- Anthony 63-yard pass from Locke (Vakos kick)
Second Quarter
WISC -- Walker 18-yard rush (Vakos kick)
USC -- Lantz 41-yard FG
WISC -- Walker 4-yard rush (Vakos kick)

Third Quarter
USC -- Lane 6-yard pass from Moss (Lantz kick)
USC -- Robinson 8-yard pass from Moss (Lantz kick)
Fourth Quarter
USC -- Moss 7-yard rush (Lantz kick)
USC -- Cobb 55-yard INT return (Lantz kick)

USC	STATISTICS	WISC
29	First Downs	13
161	Net Yards Rushing	106
308	Net Yards Passing	180
45	Passes Attempted	26
30	Passes Completed	13
1	Had Intercepted	1
82	Total Plays	51
469	Total Yards	286
3/38.7	Punts/Avg	6/49.8
3/2	Fumbles-Lost	1/1
7/53	Penalties/Yards	7/50
40:07	Time of Possession	19:53

TOP INDIVIDUALS
RUSHING – Marks (USC) 19-63; Walker (WISC) 15-55; Joyner (USC) 6-49; Mellusi (WISC) 10-32
PASSING – Moss (USC) 30-45-308; Locke (WISC) 13-26-180
RECEIVING – Lane USC 10-105; Green (WISC) 4-65; Branch (USC) 4-44; Hudson (USC) 4-42; Marks (USC) 4-29; Anthony (WISC) 3-70

GAME 5 – October 5, Huntington Bank Stadium
Minnesota 24, USC 17
Att: 50,913

MINN	3	7	0	14	--	24
USC	0	10	7	0	--	17

In its second conference road game of the season, USC fell to Minnesota 17-24 in a heartbreaking loss in Minneapolis.

It was the warmest October game ever recorded at Huntington Bank Stadium with a kick time temperature of 71 degrees.

QB Miller Moss went 23-of 38 (.605) for 200 yards with 1 TD and 2 INTs.

RB Woody Marks recorded his fifth career 100-yard rushing game collecting 20 carries for 134 yards and 1 TD. He also had 4 receptions for 30 yards.

WR Kyron Hudson led the Trojans with 5 receptions for 54 yards.

WR Duce Robinson scored the only aerial TD of the night with a 3-yard pass from Moss in the second quarter. He had 4 receptions for 39 yards and 1 TD.

After an unsuccessful first offensive series, Minnesota put the first points on the board with a 32-yard field goal by K Dragan Kesich.

In their first offensive series of the second quarter, the Trojans found their momentum and converted 4 third downs to ultimately find the end zone as Moss threw a 3-yard pass over the middle to Robinson to push USC ahead 7-3.

Minnesota responded on its next drive when QB Max Brosmer scored on a QB-keeper pushing the Gophers ahead.

After an unfortunate Trojan fumble by **RB Quinten Joyner**, Minnesota took possession, but the Trojan defense responded aggressively. On a clutch play, **S Kamari Ramsey** forced a fumble which was recovered by **DT Nate Clifton**. This play resulted in the offense driving down the field and **K Michael Lantz** scoring a career-long 54-yard FG to close out the first half, tying the score at 10-10.

Opening the third quarter, USC took 7 minutes off the clock driving down the field to culminate with a score as Moss split out on the wildcat for Marks who zipped, zapped and burst into the end zone to push USC ahead 17-10.

The fourth quarter brought havoc as the USC offensive line missed an important block which resulted in Moss being pressured off the edge by Gopher DL Jah Joynerin, forcing him to throw a pick. Minnesota took full advantage of the turnover and scored on its next drive to tie up the score at 17-17.

The Trojans got the ball back but were forced to punt (a booming season-long 62-yarder by **P Eddie Czaplicki**), but an unnecessary roughness call on the punt coverage brought the ball back from the Minnesota 10 to the 25. The Gophers drove down the field and scored on a controversial fourth-and-goal (the ruling on the field had Brosmer short, but the replay review resulted in a reversal) to jump ahead 24-17 at the end of the game.

In an attempt to score once more, the Trojans fought, but Moss was intercepted with 14 seconds left to lock down the victory for the Gophers.

SCORING
First Quarter
MINN -- Kesich 32-yard FG
Second Quarter
USC -- Robinson 3-yard pass from Moss (Lantz kick)
MINN -- Brosmer 1-yard rush (Kesich kick)
USC -- Lantz 54-yard FG
Third Quarter
USC -- Marks 1-yard rush (Lantz kick)
Fourth Quarter
MINN -- Brosmer 5-yard rush (Kesich kick)
MINN -- Brosmer 1-yard rush (Kesich kick)

USC	STATISTICS	MINN
22	First Downs	23
173	Net Yards Rushing	193
200	Net Yards Passing	169
38	Passes Attempted	19
23	Passes Completed	15
2	Had Intercepted	0
66	Total Plays	59
373	Total Yards	362
2/56.0	Punts/Avg	3/35.7
1/1	Fumbles-Lost	1/1
8/59	Penalties/Yards	4/50
30:48	Time of Possession	29:12

TOP INDIVIDUALS
RUSHING – Taylor (MINN) 25-144; Marks (USC) 20-134
PASSING – Moss (USC) 23-38-200; Brosmer (MINN) 15-19-169
RECEIVING – Taylor (MINN) 5-56; Hudson (USC) 5-54; Robinson (USC) 4-39; Jackson (MINN) 4-36; Marks (USC) 4-30; Lemon (USC) 3-37; Branch (USC) 3-10

GAME 6 – October 5, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
Penn State 33, USC 30
Att: 75,250

PSU	3	3	14	10	3(OT)	--	33
USC	7	13	3	0	0 (OT)	--	30

USC fell 30-33 in a devastating overtime loss against No. 4 Penn State in the Coliseum.

All 3 of USC's losses have been within 1 score (3 points versus Michigan and Penn State and 7 points versus Minnesota), and all have been within the last minute of regulation play or in overtime.

QB Miller Moss went 20-of 34 (.588) for 220 yards with 2 TDs and 1 INT.

RB Woody Marks recorded his sixth career 100-yard rushing game collecting 20 carries for 111 yards(5.6 avg.). He also had 2 receptions for 44 yards.

WR Makai Lemon led the Trojans with 6 receptions for 73 yards (12.2 avg.).

After Penn State scored an early field goal, USC executed a fake reverse that fooled half of Penn State's defense, enabling **RB Quinten Joyner** to go on a career-long 75 yards to score. It was the longest play from scrimmage by a Trojan this season. It was also the longest rush by a Trojan since Ronald Jones II had an 86-yard TD run at Washington State on Sept. 29, 2017, as well as the longest from scrimmage by the Trojans since Tahj Washington had a 76-yard TD catch versus San Jose State on Aug. 26, 2023.

Joyner scored again for the Trojans on a 9-yard pass from Moss which made him the the first Trojan to have a rushing and receiving TD in the same game since Austin Jones had a rushing and receiving TD versus California on Oct. 28, 2023.

LB Desman Stephens II picked off Penn State QB Drew Allar while juking and jiving to stay on his feet for 42 yards all the way back to the Penn State 26 yard line. This set up USC **K Michael Lantz** to score a 35-yard field goal.

After exchanging punts, Penn State began a successful drive down field, but was ultimately stopped by USC **S Zion Branch** on a clutch third-down situation to bring up fourth-and-11 to force the Nittany Lions to kick a field goal.

The Trojans responded with a 47-yard field goal of their own to push ahead 20-6 going into halftime.

Penn State scored twice in the third quarter to tie up the score at 20-20, but **LB Easton Mascarenas-Arnold** picked off Allar and set up Lantz to close out the quarter with a 39-yard kick to reclaim the lead.

Another field goal was scored by the Nittany Lions, and then USC **WR Kyron Hudson** caught a go-ahead touchdown pass from Moss with 5:56 left. Penn State's Allar then converted two fourth-downs and Nittany Lion RB Nick Singleton tied up the game at 30-30 with a TD catch.

USC executed a beautiful drive down to claim the win, but Moss was picked off with 14 seconds left by Penn State S Jaylen Reed.

The Trojans responded with nabbing another INT of their own as **WR Duce Robinson** picked off Allar while playing defense to force overtime.

In overtime, Lantz pushed a 45-yard field goal wide left before PSU K Ryan Barker, hit the game-winner from 36 yards.

SCORING
First Quarter
PSU -- Barker 34-yard FG
USC -- Joyner 75-yard rush (Lantz kick)
Second Quarter
USC -- Joyner 9-yard pass from Moss (Lantz kick)
USC -- Lantz 45-yard FG
PSU -- Barker 33-yard FG
USC -- Lantz 47-yard FG
Third Quarter
PSU -- Warren 32-yard pass from Allar (Barker kick)
PSU -- Allen 1-yard rush (Barker kick)
USC -- Lantz 39-yard FG
Fourth Quarter
PSU -- Barker 20-yard FG
USC -- Hudson 5-yard pass from Moss (Lantz kick)
PSU -- Singleton 14-yard pass from Allar (Barker kick)
Overtime
PSU -- Barker 36-yard FG

USC	STATISTICS	PSU
16	First Downs	28
189	Net Yards Rushing	118
220	Net Yards Passing	400
34	Passes Attempted	44
20	Passes Completed	31
1	Had Intercepted	3
58	Total Plays	75
409	Total Yards	518
4/48.8	Punts/Avg	2/42.5
0/0	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
5/60	Penalties/Yards	3/25
27:36	Time of Possession	32:24

TOP INDIVIDUALS
RUSHING – Marks (USC) 20-111; Joyner (USC) 3-82; Allen (PSU) 16-56
PASSING – Allar (PSU) 30-43-391; Moss (USC) 20-34-220
RECEIVING – Warren (PSU) 17-224; Lemon (USC) 6-73; Wallace III (PSU) 3-53; Marks (USC) 2-44

GAME 7 – October 19, SECU Stadium
Maryland 29, USC 28
Att: 43,013

MD	0	7	7	15	--	29
USC	7	14	0	7	--	28

USC fell 28-29 to Maryland on the road at SECU Stadium in another heartbreaking loss.

All 4 of USC's losses have been within 1 score (1 point versus Maryland, 3 points versus Michigan and Penn State and 7 points versus Minnesota), and all have been within the last minute of regulation play or in overtime.

QB Miller Moss went 34-of-50 (.680) for 336 yards with 3 TDs and 1 INT. It was the 4th career 300 yard passing game for Moss and the third game this season with 3 TDs. This also marked the second time this season Moss has recorded at least 50 passing attempts (also tallied 51 passing attempts versus Michigan).

RB Woody Marks led the Trojans with 17 carries for 82 yards (4.8 avg.) and 1 TD.

WR Makai Lemon led the Trojan receivers with 8 catches for 89 yards (11.1 avg.).

WR Kyron Hudson put USC on the board first with a 22-yard TD pass from Moss. Maryland evened out the score as Terp QB Billy Edwards Jr. tossed a 16-yard TD pass to Octavian Smith Jr.

Using his 5XL gloved hands, **WR Ja'Kobi Lane** made a spectacular left hand one-handed catch to score a TD off a 15-yard pass from Moss, and Marks increased USC's lead to 21-7 with a 5-yard rushing TD to close out the first half of play.

Moss threw an unfortunate INT in the fourth quarter when he was picked off by Maryland DB Lavain Scruggs who returned the pick for 51 yards, and on the next play, Maryland scored.

USC went three-and-out on its next offensive drive, and Maryland drove 62 yards down the field to the USC 4 yard line where USC **CB Jaylin Smith** (who led the team with 11 tackles on the night) made a huge play at the goal line, intercepting a fourth-down pass.

WR Duce Robinson made an early statement in the fourth quarter scoring on a 26-yard pass from Moss, and USC led 28-14.

Maryland then drove 80 yards on a TD drive and successfully executed a two-point conversion. After Maryland blocked a potentially game-clinching FG attempt from **K Michael Lantz**, the Terps had great field position on the USC 47 and scored a TD to claim the win 29-28.

SCORING
First Quarter
USC -- Hudson 22-yard pass from Moss (Lantz kick)
Second Quarter
MD -- Smith Jr. 16-yard pass from Edwards (Howes kick)
USC -- Lane 15-yard pass from Moss (Lantz kick)
USC -- Marks 5-yard rush (Lantz kick)
Third Quarter
MD -- Felton 18-yard pass from Edwards (Howes kick)
Fourth Quarter
USC -- Robinson 26-yard pass from Moss (Lantz kick)
MD -- Hemby 10-yard rush (Prather 2-pt conversion from Edwards)
MD -- Edwards 3-yard rush (Howes kick)

USC	STATISTICS	MD
25	First Downs	25
81	Net Yards Rushing	56
336	Net Yards Passing	373
50	Passes Attempted	51
34	Passes Completed	39
1	Had Intercepted	1
74	Total Plays	75
417	Total Yards	429
5/47.8	Punts/Avg	3/53.0
0/0	Fumbles-Lost	2/1
7/75	Penalties/Yards	7/60
29:51	Time of Possession	30:09

TOP INDIVIDUALS
RUSHING – Marks (USC) 17-82; Ray (MD) 6-54
PASSING – Edwards (MD) 39-51-373; Moss (USC) 34-50-336
RECEIVING – Prather (MD) 9-111; Lemon (USC) 8-89; Felton (MD) 9-84; Smith Jr. (MD) 8-84; Hemby (MD) 6-52; Lane (USC) 4-51; Branch (USC) 4-43

GAME 8 – October 25, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
USC 42, Rutgers 20
Att: 63,404

RU	3	9	8	0	--	20
USC	14	14	14	0	--	42

USC produced a dominate 42-20 victory over first-time opponent Rutgers in a rare Friday Night Lights showdown to snap its three-game losing streak.

QB Miller Moss went 20-of-28 (.714) for 308 yards with 2 TDs. It was his fourth 300-yard passing game this season and the fifth of his career. He spread the ball out throwing passes to 8 different receivers. He also scored a 7-yard rushing TD on his 1 carry of the night.

RB Woody Marks had a single-game career-best 3 TD runs tonight and finished leading the Trojans withs 15 carries for 94 yards (6.3 avg.). The last Trojan with 3 rushing TDs in a game was Heisman Trophy winning QB Caleb Williams at Arizona on Oct.7, 2023. The last time that USC had a running back with 3 rushing TDs in a game was RB Vavae Malepeai versus UCLA on Nov. 20, 2021. All of Marks' TDs were in the first half. The last player to score 3 rushing TDs in one half of play was Ronald Jones II on Nov. 4, 2017 against Arizona. He scored all 3 of his TDs in the second half of play.

Marks also had 5 catches for 48 yards (9.6 avg.) to extend his streak of consecutive games with at least one catch to 53, which is the longest active streak in the nation.

WR Makai Lemon had 4 catches for a career-high 134 yards (including 101 yards after catch) and tallied 3 kickoff returns for 122 yards. Per PFF, Lemon had the highest offensive grade between both USC and Rutgers with a grade of 89.9. Lemon had a career-high 256 all-purpose yards against Rutgers and it is the most by a Trojan in a game this season. The last Trojan with more all-purpose yards in a game was Adoree' Jackson with 291 versus Notre Dame on Nov. 26, 2016.

LB Easton Mascarenas-Arnold led USC with 11 tackles, including 1 for loss of 2 yards (with 1 sack for minus 2 yards). Mascarenas-Arnold has registered double figures in tackles in 3 of the last 4 games and leads USC with 67 tackles this season. The Trojans also recorded a season-high 5 sacks on the night.

The Trojan offense came out hot as USC scored a touchdown on each of its first four possessions. The last time USC scored a touchdown on its first four possessions of a game was Sept. 10, 2022 versus Stanford.

After scoring the first TD of the game on USC's opening offensive drive, Marks was set up to quickly score again because of a big special teams play from WR Makai Lemon. Lemon's kickoff return of 80 yards in the first quarter was the longest by a Trojan this season and the longest of his career. This set up Marks for his second rushing TD of the night.

WR Kyle Ford scored an 11-yard TD and Marks scored his third rushing TD to give him the hat trick. USC led 28-12 going into halftime.

Rutgers scored a TD and executed a successful 2-point conversion early in the third quarter to close the point gap 28-19.

Immediately after, Lemon recorded a 70-yard reception from Moss which was a career-best and also the longest by a Trojan this season. This gave the Trojans a short field and Moss was able to find the end zone for a rushing TD.

Lemon is the first USC player with a return of 80 or more yards and a reception of 70 or more yards in the same game since Marqise Lee versus Oregon on Nov. 9, 2012. In that game, Lee had 408 total yards.

USC closed out the third quarter with a 40-yard TD pass from Moss to Lemon.

Both teams remained scoreless in the fourth quarter and USC claimed the victory. USC's 42 points matched the most points Rutgers has allowed in a game this season.

Adding to the excitement of the evening, the Dodgers won Game 1 of the World Series against the Yankees across town on a walkoff grand slam by Freddie Freeman. It was the first time in history that USC football, the Lakers and the Dodgers all won on the same day.

SCORING
First Quarter
USC -- Marks 1-yard rush (Lantz kick)
RU -- Patel 26-yard FG
USC -- Marks 1-yard rush (Lantz kick)
Second Quarter
USC -- Ford 11-yard pass from Moss (Lantz kick)
RU -- Raymond 3-yard rush (Patel kick missed)
USC -- Marks 22-yard rush (Lantz kick)
RU -- Patel 20-yard FG
Third Quarter
RU -- Dremel 25-yard pass from Kaliakmanis (Kaliakmanis pass from Long)
USC -- Moss 7-yard rush (Lantz kick)
USC -- Lemon 40-yard pass fro Moss (Lantz kick)

USC	STATISTICS	RU
23	First Downs	27
135	Net Yards Rushing	121
308	Net Yards Passing	313
28	Passes Attempted	47
20	Passes Completed	27
0	Had Intercepted	0
51	Total Plays	89
443	Total Yards	434
3/45.3	Punts/Avg	3/37.7
1/0	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
5/43	Penalties/Yards	4/9
23:32	Time of Possession	36:28

TOP INDIVIDUALS
RUSHING – Marks (USC) 15-94; Monangai (RU) 18-86
PASSING – Moss (USC) 20-28-308; Kaliakmanis (RU) 27-47-313
RECEIVING – Lemon (4-134); Miller (RU) 11-131; Duff (RU) 3-51; Marks (USC) 5-48; Ford (USC) 4-45

GAME 9 – November 2, Husky Stadium
Washington 26, USC 2
Att: 43,013

UW	10	10	0	6	--	26
USC	0	7	14	0	--	21

USC fell 21-26 to Washington on the road at Husky Stadium in Seattle in an emotional loss.

All 4 of USC's losses have been within 1 score (1 point versus Maryland, 3 points versus Michigan and Penn State, 5 points versus Washington and 7 points versus Minnesota), and all have been within the last minute of regulation play or in overtime.

Since 1978 (and entering 2024), just 17 FBS teams have had at least 5 losses in a season and all of them came in a one-score game.

QB Miller Moss went 30-of-50 (.600) for 293 yards and 2 TD with 3 INTs.

RB Woody Marks led the Trojans with 22 carries for 123 yards and 1 TD.

WR Zachariah Branch led the Trojans in receiving yards with 102 on 6 receptions.

In USC's second offensive series, Moss was picked off after a ball intended for **WR Kyle Ford** was tipped into the hands of Washington LB Carson Bruener, which ended up resulting in a Husky field goal. Washington RB Jonah Coleman rushed for a 19-yard TD to close out the first quarter.

Branch caught a 25-yard pass from Moss that was originally ruled a fumble. Video review showed Branch was down, giving USC a much-needed first down in Washington territory. The drive concluded with a 1-yard TD from Marks.

Washington responded with another TD and a field goal to extend its lead to 20-7 going into halftime.

After making halftime adjustments, the Trojans regrouped and came out of the locker room aggressively. **WR Makai Lemon** scored a 37-yard TD, and then USC took a 21-20 lead after Ford scored on a 9-yard TD reception.

On USC's next possession, Moss threw a pick, which resulted in a Washington TD, but a failed two-point conversion.

The Trojans then marched down to Washington's 1-yard line in the fourth quarter with a chance to pull in front but the Huskies stopped running back Woody Marks on fourth down and took over with 5:04 left in the game.

Washington was forced to punt on its drive, and Moss led the Trojans to the Husky 14. On third-and-4, Moss' attempt to **WR Kyron Hudson** was broken up by CB Ephesians Prysock. Moss' final chance on fourth down fell incomplete.

SCORING

First Quarter

UW -- Gross 39-yard field goal
UW -- Colemam 19-yard rush (Gross kick)

Second Quarter

USC -- Marks 1-yard rush (Lantz kick)
UW -- Coleman 15-yard rush (Gross kick)
UW -- Gross 45-yard field goal

Third Quarter

USC -- Lemon 37-yard pass from Moss (Lantz kick)
USC -- Ford 9-yard pass from Moss (Lantz kick)

Fourth Quarter

UW -- Reynolds 4-yard rush (Boston pass from Rogers failed)

USC	STATISTICS	UW
26	First Downs	25
166	Net Yards Rushing	56
293	Net Yards Passing	373
50	Passes Attempted	51
30	Passes Completed	39
3	Had Intercepted	1
79	Total Plays	75
459	Total Yards	429
2/37.5	Punts/Avg	3/53.0
1/0	Fumbles-Lost	2/1
7/35	Penalties/Yards	7/60
33:05	Time of Possession	30:09

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Marks (USC) 22-126; Coleman (UW) 23-104
PASSING – Moss (USC) 30-50-293; Rogers (UW) 25-39-262
RECEIVING – Branch (USC) 6-102; Boston (UW) 9-99; Lemon (USC) 8-70; Lane (USC) 3-47; Jackson (UW) 6-44; Latu (UW) 3-41

GAME 10 – November 16, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
USC 28, Nebraska 20
Att: 75,304

NEB	7	7	6	0	--	20
USC	7	7	7	7	--	28

USC defeated Nebraska 28-20 an electric atmosphere on Homecoming in the Coliseum.

QB Jayden Maiava passed for 259 yards and three touchdowns and ran for another score in his first start as a Trojan. His 3 TD passes tied a career-best (he did this twice in 2023 against New Mexico and Kansas) and the 4 total TDs are a single-game career-best. This is Maiava's third-career game with a passing TD and a rushing TD (Vanderbilt and Wyoming in 2023). He was also named to the Polynesian Player of the Year Award Watch List for his performance.

RB Woody Marks continued to prove why he is one of the best and most versatile backs in the nation. He tallied 19 carries for a career-high 146 yards against Nebraska's No. 12 ranked rushing defense to mark his sixth 100-yard rushing game of the season and the eighth of his career. His six 100-yard rushing games are the most for any USC running back in the Lincoln Riley Era. Marks also eclipsed 1,000 yards for the first time in his career recording 1,065 yards in 2024. He currently ranks No. 29 in USC's all-time single-season rushing leaders. He had 6 catches for 36 yards to extend his streak of consecutive games with at least one catch to 55, which is the longest active streak in the nation.

WR Duce Robinson scored on a 48-yard TD catch in the third quarter. It was his longest catch of the season and the second-longest TD catch of his career (a 71-yarder vs. Nevada in 2023). He tied a career-high with 4 catches (his fourth time) for a career-high 90 yards, plus a TD catch. USC is 3-0 when Robinson has at least 70 yards.

P Eddie Czaplicki, a Ray Guy Award semifinalist, earned one of the game balls from Lincoln Riley (in addition to Robinson, CB Jaylin Smith and CB Greedy Vance). He averaged 51.8 yards per punt on his 4 punts with 3 of the 4 going over 50 yards (51, 54 and 60) and all 4 pinned Nebraska inside of the 20, including a 60-yard punt to the Nebraska 1-yard line.

USC has never lost to Nebraska in these historic programs' infrequent meetings, going 5-0-1.

Early in the game, Husker and former Trojan Ceyair Wright returned an early interception 45 yards for a TD.

Maiava then hit **WR Zachariah Branch** for a 6-yard TD, Branch's first of the season and Maiava's first passing TD of the season.

In the second quarter, **WR Kyron Hudson** caught a bobbled 12-yard pass for another Trojan TD, but Nebraska evened out the score at 14-14 before going into halftime.

Early in the third, Nebraska scored a field goal to push ahead, but then Maiava hit Robinson in stride for an untouched 48-yard TD. Maiava later lost a fumble at the USC 16 while scrambling, leading to Nebraska's second field goal of the quarter to make the score 21-20.

Wright blocked a field goal attempt in the fourth quarter, but Nebraska couldn't score on its next offensive series. Marks took a fourth-down pitch from Maiava for 43 yards before Maiava finished the drive with his TD run.

Nebraska got the ball back with 2:45 left on the clock and drove to the USC 14 with 5 seconds to play. After a false start, **CB Greedy Vance Jr.** easily intercepted Raiola's final pass into double coverage in the end zone to secure the victory for the Trojans.

SCORING

First Quarter

NEB -- Wright 45-yard INT return (Hohl kick)
USC -- Za. Branch 6-yard pass from Maiava (Lantz kick)

Second Quarter

USC -- Hudson 12-yard pass from Maiava (Lantz kick)
NEB -- Johnson 29-yard pass Raiola (Hohl kick)

Third Quarter

NEB -- Hohl 29-yard FG
USC -- Robinson 48-yard pass from Maiava (Lantz kick)
NEB -- Hohl 30-yard FG

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Maiava 2-yard rush (Lantz kick)

USC	STATISTICS	NEB
22	First Downs	19
182	Net Yards Rushing	119
259	Net Yards Passing	191
35	Passes Attempted	38
25	Passes Completed	27
1	Had Intercepted	2
67	Total Plays	63
441	Total Yards	310
4/51.8	Punts/Avg	5/46.0
2/1	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
5/70	Penalties/Yards	5/40
31:50	Time of Possession	28:10

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Marks (USC) 19-146; Johnson (NEB) 10-55; Dowdell (NEB) 8-52
PASSING – Maiava (USC) 25-35-259; Raiola (NEB) 27-38-191
RECEIVING – Robinson (USC) 4-90; Banks (NEB) 5-55; Za. Branch (USC) 6-41; Marks (USC) 6-36; Johnson (NEB) 7-36; Hudson (USC) 3-35

GAME 11 – November 23, Rose Bowl
USC 19, UCLA 13
Att: 59,473

UCLA	3	0	10	0	--	26
USC	3	6	0	10	--	21

It was USC's version of the Michael Jordan "flu game" as the Trojans, overcoming a program-wide flu outbreak, defeated crosstown UCLA 19-13 in the Rose Bowl to bring the Victory Bell home to Troy.

QB Jayden Maiava went 19-for-35 (.543) for 221 yards with 1 TD. **RB Woody Marks** rushed for 76 yards and **K Michael Lantz** kicked 4 FGs.

It was the fifth straight year the road team has won in the series.

After UCLA scored a FG on its opening possession, the Trojans ended up in the red zone 3 times in the first half, scoring a field goal each time.

After an on-field scuffle at the end of the first half, UCLA was charged with 3 unsportsmanlike conduct penalties giving USC an opportunity for a short field to open the second half, but the Trojans turned the ball over on downs. UCLA then scored as QB Ethan Garbers hit WR Titus Mokiao-Atimalala on a 10-yard TD pass.

USC then completely took control of the game in the fourth quarter.

P Eddie Czaplicki, the nation's best punter, put the Trojan defense in great field position with a perfect 44-yard punt downed at the UCLA 1-yard line. His other 2 punts in the game were also inside the 10, backing UCLA up to its own 7 and 9 yard lines.

After and 3-and-out by the Bruins, the Trojan offense found a spark. Maiava tossed **WR Makai Lemon** a lateral, and Lemon threw a perfect 39-yard rope to **WR Kyron Hudson** who ran out of bounds at the UCLA 4. USC scored on the next play as Maiava dodged one Bruin defender and outran another to launch a perfect throw to **WR Ja'Kobi Lane** in the back corner of the end zone for USC's only TD of the night to push USC ahead 16-13.

With 5 minutes left in the game, UCLA needed to convert a fourth-and-1 to extend its drive, and the USC front came up with a crucial stop to force a turnover on downs at the UCLA 34. USC scored a field goal on the following drive to extend its lead to 19-13.

UCLA had another opportunity with 2 minutes left and USC didn't allow the Bruins to earn a single yard which forced a turnover on downs at fourth-and-10 to seal the victory.

SCORING

First Quarter

UCLA -- Bhaghani 51-yard field goal
USC -- Lantz 19-yard field goal

Second Quarter

USC -- Lantz 23-yard field goal
USC -- Lantz 22-yard field goal

Third Quarter

UCLA -- Matavao 10-yard pass from Garbers (Bhaghani kick)
UCLA -- Bhaghani 29-yard field goal

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Lane 4-yard pass from Maiava (Lantz kick)
USC -- Lantz 30-yard field goal

USC	STATISTICS	UCLA
17	First Downs	16
86	Net Yards Rushing	111
260	Net Yards Passing	265
20	Passes Attempted	20
36	Passes Completed	29
0	Had Intercepted	0
65	Total Plays	55
346	Total Yards	376
3/47.0	Punts/Avg	3/35.3
0/0	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
2/25	Penalties/Yards	8/65
29:03	Time of Possession	30:57

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Marks (USC) 18-76; Harden (UCLA) 14-99; Joyner (USC) 4-24
PASSING – Maiava (USC) 19-35-221; Garbers (UCLA) 20-29-265
RECEIVING – Sturdivant (UCLA) 5-117; Hudson (USC) 6-79; Lemon (USC) 2-69; Mokiao-Atimalala 6-49; Gilmer (UCLA) 3-38; Harden (UCLA) 3-37; McRee (USC) 2-36

GAME 12 – November 30, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
Notre Dame 49, USC 35
Att: 73,241

ND	7	7	21	14	--	49
USC	0	14	7	14	--	35

USC fell 35-49 to Notre Dame in the Coliseum to end the regular season.

QB Jayden Maiava went 27-of-49 for 360 yards and 3 TDs with 2 INTs and ran for 2 TDs himself.

RB Quinten Joyner led the Trojans with 10 carries for 83 yards, while **WR Makai Lemon** led the Trojans in receiving yards with 133 on his 9 receptions.

RB Woody Marks, USC's 1,100-yard rusher got hurt on a 9-yard run to begin the Trojans' second drive. He didn't return to the game despite being on the sideline, and the injury ended his FBS-best streak of 56 consecutive games with a reception.

The first half ended with a 14-14 score as Maiava rushed for a 1-yard TD and **WR Ja'Kobi Lane** scored his first TD of the afternoon.

Notre Dame scored early to start the second half, but the Trojans responded with a TD as Maiava scored his second rushing TD to tie up the score at 21-21.

Two more TDs by the Irish and a second by Lane left USC trailing 28-35.

After USC stopped the Irish offense, Maiava moved the Trojans to the Notre Dame 21 for a shot at a tying score – but Notre Dame CB Christian Gray intercepted a goal-line pass intended for WR Kyron Hudson and returned it all the way down the USC sideline to push ahead 42-28.

Maiava led another drive before throwing end-zone pick to Notre Dame S Xavier Watts, who took the same route for the clinching TD.

Lane would score another TD with 13 seconds left to secure his hat trick, but there wasn't enough time for another score and the Fighting Irish took a knee.

SCORING

First Quarter

ND -- Love 1-yard rush (Jeter kick)

Second Quarter

USC -- Maiava 1-yard rush (Lantz kick)
ND -- Raridon 12-yard pass from Leonard (Jeter kick)
USC -- Lane 12-yard pass from Maiava (Lantz kick)

Third Quarter

ND -- Price 36-yard rush (Jeter kick)
USC -- Maiava 1-yard rush (Lantz kick)
ND -- Leonard 2-yard rush (Jeter kick)
ND -- Evans 23-yard pass from Leonard (Jeter kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Lane 6-yard pass from Maiava (Lantz kick)
ND -- Gray 99-yard interception return (Jeter kick)
ND -- Watts 100-yard interception return (Jeter kick)
USC -- Lane 8-yard pass from Maiava (Lantz kick)

USC	STATISTICS	ND
29	First Downs	23
197	Net Yards Rushing	258
360	Net Yards Passing	178
27	Passes Attempted	18
49	Passes Completed	23
2	Had Intercepted	1
77	Total Plays	61
557	Total Yards	436
4/45.8	Punts/Avg	2/51.0
0/0	Fumbles-Lost	1/1
7/69	Penalties/Yards	3/44
30:15	Time of Possession	29:45

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Price (ND) 12-111; Love (ND) 13-99; Joyner (USC) 10-83
PASSING – Maiava (USC) 27-49-360; Leonard (ND) 17-22-155
RECEIVING – Lemon (USC) 9-133; Evans (ND) 5-59; Branch (USC) 4-45; Robinson (USC) 3-63; Ford (USC) 3-41; Love (ND) 3-38

GAME 13 – December 27, Allegiant Stadium
Las Vegas Bowl
USC 35, Texas A&M 31
Att: 26,671

Texas A&M	**7**	**0**	**17**	**7**	**--**	**31**
USC	**0**	**7**	**7**	**21**	**--**	**25**

Under the sparkling lights of the Las Vegas Strip, USC concluded the season with a dramatic 17-point comeback victory defeating Texas A&M 35-31 in the SRS Distribution Las Vegas Bowl.

The win marked the biggest comeback victory in Las Vegas Bowl history. Additionally, it was the largest deficit that USC has ever overcome in a bowl game win, with the previous being a 15-point deficit against Penn State in the 2017 Rose Bowl.

WR Ja'Kobi Lane was named the bowl MVP after recording 7 receptions for 127 yards and a Las Vegas Bowl record 3 TDs. Lane now has 5 career receiving TDs in bowl games (3 in the 2024 Las Vegas Bowl and 2 in the 2023 Holiday Bowl versus Louisville).

WR Makai Lemon added 6 receptions for 99 yards and an electric 46-yard kick off return.

QB Jayden Maiava went 22-of-39 for 295 yards and 4 TDs with 3 INTs. Maiava tied the Las Vegas Bowl record with 4 passing TDs, joining fellow Trojan Cody Kessler, who tossed 4 in USC's win over Fresno State in 2013.

Freshman **RB Bryan Jackson** led the ground attack for the Trojans notching 66 yards on 16 attempts with 1 TD.

USC improved to 4-0 all-time versus Texas A&M, including the last three meetings happening in bowl games. USC improved to 2-0 at Allegiant Stadium this season as the Trojans downed another SEC opponent, LSU, in the Vegas Kickoff Classic on September 1. Finally, the Trojans improved to 2-1 all-time in the Las Vegas Bowl, having defeated Fresno State in 2013 and lost to Utah in 2001.

USC ended the season on a high note going 7-6 to mark the third winning season in a row for the Trojans.

Texas A&M got on the board first with an early TD score.

Trojan **S Kamari Ramsey**, who will return for the Trojans in 2025, attempted to shift the momentum back in favor of USC. Ramsey read Aggie QB Marcell' eyes perfectly and intercepted this pass.

The Trojans didn't capitalize on their next series, but when it appeared that the Aggies would score again, Marcell's ball was tipped off his receiver's hands and then into the hands of Trojan **S Akili Arnold** who returned it 26 yards. This set up USC score as Lane scored a 30-yard TD to tie up the game at 7-7.

The game featured many young players for the Trojans stepping in in key moments, both planned and unplanned. **OL Elijah Paige** went down early causing freshman **OL Justin Tauanuu** to replace him.

After halftime, Texas A&M scored 17 points to take a 24-7 lead.

At the end of the third quarter, Lane scored his second TD of the night on a 17-yard pass from Maiava to swing the momentum back in favor of the Trojans.

Shortly thereafter, Jackson rushed for another Trojan TD to close the gap to 21-24.

Lane collected his third TD of the night with 4:30 left on the clock to give USC a 28-24 lead.

Texas A&M got the ball back, marched down the field and score a TD with 1:49 left on the clock.

Embodying the Trojan battle cry of "Fight On!", USC drove down the field with Maiava leading the charge.

WR Kyle Ford, playing in his last game as a Trojan, scored the game winning TD with 8 seconds left on the clock -- eerily similar to **RB Woody Marks'** TD score with 8 seconds left on the clock to defeat LSU in Allegiant Stadium to open the season. Ford fell to his knees overcome with emotion after a unconventional athletic journey, with this game-winning TD to put a bow on his Trojan career.

SCORING

First Quarter

TAMU -- Thomas 7-yard pass from Reed (Bond kick)

Second Quarter

USC -- Lane 30-yard pass from Maiava (Lantz kick)

Third Quarter

TAMU -- Thomas 5-yard pass from Reed (Bond kick)
TAMU -- Bond 27-yard field goal
TAMU -- Barber 5-yard pass from Reed (Bond kick)
USC -- Lane 17-yard pass from Maiava (Lantz kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Jackson 1-yard rush (Lantz kick)
USC -- Lane 15-yard pass from Maiava (Lantz kick)
TAMU -- Reed 19-yard rush (Bond kick)
USC -- Ford 7-yard pass from Maiava (Lantz kick)

USC	STATISTICS	TAMU
25	First Downs	24
105	Net Yards Rushing	151
295	Net Yards Passing	292
22	Passes Attempted	26
39	Passes Completed	42
3	Had Intercepted	2
70	Total Plays	72
400	Total Yards	443
4/44.0	Punts/Avg	4/42.2
0/0	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
6/70	Penalties/Yards	8/73
28:07	Time of Possession	31:53

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Jackson (USC) 16-66; Owens (TAMU) 13-56; Reed (TAMU) 9-46; Peterson (USC) 12-43
PASSING – Maiava (USC) 22-39-295; Reed (TAMU) 26-42-292
RECEIVING – Lane (USC) 7-127; Lemon (USC) 6-99; Ford (USC) 6-59; Barber (TAMU) 7-48; Walker (TAMU) 3-46; Smith (USC) 2-44

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Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	09/01/2024	vs LSU	W	27-20	63969
	09/07/2024	Utah St.	W	48-0	68110
*	09/21/2024	at Michigan	L	24-27	110702
*	09/28/2024	Wisconsin	W	38-21	74118
*	10/05/2024	at Minnesota	L	17-24	50913
*	10/12/2024	Penn St.	Lot1	30-33	75250
*	10/19/2024	at Maryland	L	28-29	43013
*	10/25/2024	Rutgers	W	42-20	63404
*	11/02/2024	at Washington	L	21-26	71251
*	11/16/2024	Nebraska	W	28-20	75304
*	11/23/2024	at UCLA	W	19-13	59473
	11/30/2024	Notre Dame	L	35-49	73241
	12/27/2024	vs Texas A&M	W	35-31	26671

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Woody Marks	12	198	1176	43	1133	5.7	9	65	94.4
Quinten Joyner	12	63	480	2	478	7.6	3	75	39.8
Bryan Jackson	13	36	194	6	188	5.2	1	23	14.5
A'Marion Peterson	10	16	67	2	65	4.1	1	14	6.5
Jayden Maiava	7	20	91	46	45	2.3	4	13	6.4
Zachariah Branch	12	2	17	0	17	8.5	0	15	1.4
Jake Jensen	2	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.5
Miller Moss	9	21	41	59	-18	-0.9	2	9	-2.0
Team	13	9	0	18	-18	-2.0	0	0	-1.4
Total	**13**	**366**	**2066**	**177**	**1889**	**5.2**	**20**	**75**	**145.3**
Opponents	**13**	**404**	**2023**	**187**	**1836**	**4.5**	**19**	**63**	**141.2**

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Miller Moss	9	135.1	233-362-9	64.4	2555	18	70	283.9
Jayden Maiava	7	133.8	101-169-6	59.8	1201	11	64	171.6
Kyron Hudson	12	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Makai Lemon	12	427.6	1-1-0	100.0	39	0	39	3.3
Team	13	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	**13**	**134.7**	**335-534-15**	**62.7**	**3795**	**29**	**70**	**291.9**
Opponents	**13**	**132.5**	**296-437-12**	**67.7**	**3066**	**15**	**63**	**235.8**

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Makai Lemon	12	52	764	14.7	3	70	63.7
Woody Marks	12	47	321	6.8	0	33	26.8
Zachariah Branch	12	47	503	10.7	1	42	41.9
Ja'Kobi Lane	13	43	525	12.2	12	33	40.4
Kyron Hudson	12	38	462	12.2	3	39	38.5
Kyle Ford	13	26	317	12.2	3	41	24.4
Lake McRee	10	24	245	10.2	0	34	24.5
Duce Robinson	12	23	396	17.2	5	48	33.0
Quinten Joyner	12	12	89	7.4	1	13	7.4
Jay Fair	8	8	78	9.8	1	24	9.8
Walker Lyons	11	6	36	6.0	0	11	3.3
Kade Eldridge	12	3	19	6.3	0	11	1.6
A'Marion Peterson	10	2	13	6.5	0	9	1.3
Charles Ross	3	1	11	11.0	0	11	3.7
Jaden Richardson	3	1	19	19.0	0	19	6.3
Jayden Maiava	7	1	-3	-3.0	0	0	-0.4
Bryan Jackson	13	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Total	**13**	**335**	**3795**	**11.3**	**29**	**70**	**291.9**
Opponents	**13**	**296**	**3066**	**10.4**	**15**	**63**	**235.8**

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	7-6	4-2	1-4	2-0
CONFERENCE	4-5	3-1	1-4	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-1	1-1	0-0	2-0

Team Statistics

	USC	OPP
First Downs	**303**	**262**
Rushing	100	95
Passing	182	146
Penalty	21	21
Rushing Yardage	**1889**	**1836**
Rushing attempts	366	404
Average per rush	5.2	4.5
Average per game	145.3	141.2
TDs Rushing	20	19
Passing Yardage	**3795**	**3066**
Comp-Att-Int	335-534-15	296-437-12
Average per pass	7.1	7.0
Average per catch	11.3	10.4
Average per game	291.9	235.8
TDs Passing	29	15
Total offense	**5684**	**4902**
Average per play	6.3	5.8
Average per game	437.2	377.1
Kick returns: #-Yards	**28-646**	**14-370**
Punt returns: #-Yards	**13-74**	**13-90**
Int returns: #-Yards	**12-178**	**15-440**
Fumbles-Lost	**15-6**	**10-6**
Penalties-Yards	**75-668**	**78-648**
Punts-Avg	**45-47.8**	**53-43.2**
Time of possession / game	**30:22**	**29:38**
3rd-down conversion	**74/165**	**56/167**
4th-down conversion	**8/17**	**20/35**
PAT-attempts	**(50-50) 100%**	**(33-35) 94%**
2-point conversion-attempts	**(0-0) 0%**	**(2-3) 67%**

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Mason Cobb	2	55	27.5	1	55
Jaylin Smith	2	0	0.0	0	0
Easton Mascarenas-Arnold	2	5	2.5	0	5
Greedy Vance Jr.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Akili Arnold	1	26	26.0	0	26
John Humphrey	1	15	15.0	0	15
Kamari Ramsey	1	0	0.0	0	0
Duce Robinson	1	35	35.0	0	35
Desman Stephens II	1	42	42.0	0	42
Total	**12**	**178**	**14.8**	**1**	**55**
Opponents	**15**	**440**	**29.3**	**4**	**100**

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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Michael Lantz	14-21	66.7	1-1	6-8	3-4	3-6	1-2	54	2
Opponents	**16-20**	**80.0**	**0-0**	**6-7**	**7-8**	**2-2**	**1-3**	**51**	**0**

Scoring

			PAT						
Player	**td**	**fg**	**kick**	**rush**	**rcv**	**pass**	**dxp**	**saf**	**pts**
Michael Lantz	-	14-21	50-50	-	-	-	-	-	92
Ja'Kobi Lane	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Woody Marks	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
Duce Robinson	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Jayden Maiava	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Quinten Joyner	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Kyle Ford	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Kyron Hudson	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Makai Lemon	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Miller Moss	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Mason Cobb	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jay Fair	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Zachariah Branch	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
A'Marion Peterson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Bryan Jackson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	**50**	**14-21**	**50-50**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**392**
Opponents	**38**	**16-20**	**33-35**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**313**

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Southern California	55	125	97	115	0	392
Opponents	57	81	96	76	3	313

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Eddie Czaplicki	43	2057	47.8	62	1	15	25	21	0
Miller Moss	1	39	39.0	39	0	0	1	0	0
Ryon Sayeri	1	57	57.0	57	0	0	1	1	0
Total	**45**	**2153**	**47.8**	**62**	**1**	**15**	**27**	**22**	**0**
Opponents	**53**	**2288**	**43.2**	**74**	**1**	**26**	**25**	**15**	**0**

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Zachariah Branch	13	74	5.7	0	20
Total	**13**	**74**	**5.7**	**0**	**20**
Opponents	**13**	**90**	**6.9**	**0**	**19**

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Makai Lemon	19	514	27.1	0	80
Zachariah Branch	5	105	21.0	0	46
A'Marion Peterson	2	23	11.5	0	14
Josiah Zamora	1	17	17.0	0	17
Total	**28**	**646**	**23.1**	**0**	**80**
Opponents	**14**	**370**	**26.4**	**0**	**74**

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Woody Marks	12	1133	321	0	0	0	1454	121.2
Makai Lemon	12	0	764	0	514	0	1278	106.5
Zachariah Branch	12	17	503	74	105	0	699	58.3
Quinten Joyner	12	478	89	0	0	0	567	47.3
Ja'Kobi Lane	13	0	525	0	0	0	525	40.4
Kyron Hudson	12	0	462	0	0	0	462	38.5
Duce Robinson	12	0	396	0	0	35	431	35.9
Kyle Ford	13	0	317	0	0	0	317	24.4
Lake McRee	10	0	245	0	0	0	245	24.5
Bryan Jackson	13	188	0	0	0	0	188	14.5
A'Marion Peterson	10	65	13	0	23	0	101	10.1
Jay Fair	8	0	78	0	0	0	78	9.8
Mason Cobb	12	0	0	0	0	55	55	4.6
Jayden Maiava	7	45	-3	0	0	0	42	6.0
Desman Stephens II	13	0	0	0	0	42	42	3.2
Walker Lyons	11	0	36	0	0	0	36	3.3
Akili Arnold	12	0	0	0	0	26	26	2.2
Jaden Richardson	3	0	19	0	0	0	19	6.3
Kade Eldridge	12	0	19	0	0	0	19	1.6
Josiah Zamora	8	0	0	0	17	0	17	2.1
John Humphrey	12	0	0	0	0	15	15	1.3
Charles Ross	3	0	11	0	0	0	11	3.7
Easton Mascarenas-Arnold	13	0	0	0	0	5	5	0.4
Jake Jensen	2	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-0.5
Miller Moss	9	-18	0	0	0	0	-18	-2.0
Total	**13**	**1889**	**3795**	**74**	**646**	**178**	**6582**	**506.3**
Opponents	**13**	**1836**	**3066**	**90**	**370**	**440**	**5802**	**446.3**

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Miller Moss	9	383	-18	2555	2537	281.9
Jayden Maiava	7	189	45	1201	1246	178.0
Woody Marks	12	198	1133	0	1133	94.4
Quinten Joyner	12	63	478	0	478	39.8
Bryan Jackson	13	36	188	0	188	14.5
A'Marion Peterson	10	16	65	0	65	6.5
Makai Lemon	12	1	0	39	39	3.3
Zachariah Branch	12	2	17	0	17	1.4
Jake Jensen	2	1	-1	0	-1	-0.5
Total	**13**	**900**	**1889**	**3795**	**5684**	**437.2**
Opponents	**13**	**841**	**1836**	**3066**	**4902**	**377.1**

2024-25 Southern California Football
Combined Team Statistics
All games

Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
4	Easton Mascarenas-Arnold	13	51	44	95	5-20	3-14	2-5	2	2	1-0	.	.	.
13	Mason Cobb	12	31	41	72	2.5-7	.	2-55	3	1	.	.	.	.
0	Akili Arnold	12	36	24	60	0.5-2	0.5-2	1-26	1	1	.	.	.	.
7	Kamari Ramsey	11	43	17	60	5.5-26	2-19	1-0	5	1	.	2	.	.
2	Jaylin Smith	10	40	19	59	4-5	.	2-0	2	.	.	.	.	.
18	Eric Gentry	5	22	11	33	6.5-17	2-11	.	1	1	1-0	1	.	.
91	Gavin Meyer	13	18	14	32	2-10	1-8	.	3	3	.	.	1	.
14	Jacobe Covington	9	22	8	30	1-3	.	.	3	.	.	1	.	.
21	Greedy Vance Jr.	11	22	7	29	1-2	.	1-0	2	.	.	.	.	.
34	Braylan Shelby	12	19	9	28	5-22	3-14	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
10	Jamil Muhammad	13	6	21	27	1.5-5	1-5	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
17	DeCarlos Nicholson	13	18	9	27	.	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	.
98	Devan Thompkins	12	14	10	24	2.5-10	1.5-9	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
19	John Humphrey	12	15	8	23	.	.	1-15	3	.	.	.	.	.
99	Nate Clifton	13	13	8	21	2-9	1-6	.	2	.	1-0	.	.	.
27	Bryson Shaw	12	14	7	21	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
94	Kobe Pepe	13	9	10	19	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
8	Zion Branch	12	15	4	19	2-10	1-9	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
49	Kameryn Fountain	8	10	9	19	4.5-14	2-5	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
15	Anthony Beavers Jr.	13	10	8	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Anthony Lucas	7	5	11	16	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
44	Sam Greene	12	10	5	15	3-8	1-5	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
58	Solomon Tuliaupupu	9	8	5	13	1-1	1-1	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.
23	Desman Stephens II	13	8	5	13	1-1	.	1-42	.	1	.	1	.	.
16	Prophet Brown	12	8	3	11	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
24	Christian Pierce	13	5	3	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Jide Abasiri	10	3	4	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	Elijah Hughes	7	4	2	6	1-5	1-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Raesjon Davis	3	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Garrison Madden	12	5	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Bear Alexander	3	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
31	Hank Pepper	13	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
4	Woody Marks	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
14	Jayden Maiava	7	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Ja'Kobi Lane	13	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
77	Alani Noa	13	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Elijah Newby	5	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
79	Jonah Monheim	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	Roman Marchetti	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Zachariah Branch	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Braylon Conley	1	.	1	1	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Marquis Gallegos	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Bryan Jackson	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Marcelles Williams	1	1	.	1	1-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
2	Duce Robinson	12	.	.	.	.	.	1-35	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Michael Lantz	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	**13**	**504**	**336**	**840**	**53-181**	**21-113**	**12-178**	**44**	**20**	**6-0**	**6**	**1**	**0**
	Opponents	13	506	296	802	61-210	15-105	15-440	81	40	6-18	10	2	0

LIVESTATS BY GENIUS SPORTS

2024 ALL-STAR HONORS

LB Mason Cobb
•All-Big Ten Honorable Mention

P Eddie Czaplicki
• Ray Guy Award Winner
• Sporting News First Team All-American
• The Athletic First Team All-American
• ESPN First Team All-American
• AFCA Second Team All-American
• Walter Camp Second Team All-American
• Sports Illustrated Second Team All-American
• Phil Steele Second Team All-American
• College Football Network Second Team All-American
• Action Network Second Team All-American
• Sports Info Solutions Second Team All-American
• AP Third Team All-American
• CBS Sports / 247Sports All-American Honorable Mention
• All-Big Ten First Team
• Big Ten Eddleman-Fields Punter of the Year
• AP All-Big Ten First Team
• Phil Steele All-Big Ten First Team
• Sports Info Solutions All-Big Ten First Team
• Ray's 8, Ray Guy Award (9/23)
• Ray's 8, Ray Guy Award (10/14)
• Ray's 8, Ray Guy Award (10/21)
• Ray Guy Award Semifinalist
• Ray Guy Award Finalist
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

S Hunter Dunn
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

TE Kade Eldridge
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

WR Kyle Ford
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

LB Matt Galván
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

DT Elijah Hughes
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

WR Ja'Kobi Lane
• Las Vegas Bowl MVP
• AP All-Bowl Team

WR & RET Makai Lemon
• Phil Steele All-Big Ten First Team (RET)
• All-Big Ten Third Team (RET)
• Phil Steele All-Big Ten Fourth Team (WR)
• All-Big Ten Honrable Mention (WR)

LB Roman Marchetti
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

RB Woody Marks
• Phil Steele All-American Honorable Mention
• All-Big Ten Second Team
• AP All-Big Ten Second Team
• Phil Steele All-Big Ten Second Team
• Senior Bowl Invitee

LB Easton Mascarenas-Arnold
•All-Big Ten Honorable Mention

Cian McKelvey
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

TE Lake McRee
•All-Big Ten Honorable Mention

DT Gavin Meyer
•All-Big Ten Honorable Mention

OL Jonah Monheim
• All-Big Ten Third Team Team
• Phil Steele All-Big Ten Third Team
• William V. Campbell Trophy Semifinalist
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team
• Senior Bowl Invitee

QB Miller Moss
• Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week (9/2)
• Davey O'Brien Great 8 List (9/3)
• Davey O'Brien Great 8 List (9/30)
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

DE Jamil Muhammad
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

OL Alani Noa
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

OL Elijah Paige
• FWAA Freshman All-American
•All-Big Ten Honorable Mention
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

DE DJ Peevy
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

SNP Hank Pepper
• All-Big Ten Third Team
• Phil Steele All-Big Ten Fourth Team

RB A'Marion Peterson
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

LB Garrett Pomerantz
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

OL Emmanuel Pregnon
• AP All-Big Ten Second Team
• Phil Steele All-Big Ten Second Team

S Kamari Ramsey
•All-Big Ten Honorable Mention

WR Duce Robinson
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

QB Gage Roy
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

DE Braylan Shelby
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

S Brandon Shepherd
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

S Jaylin Smith
• All-Big Ten Third Team
• Phil Steele All-Big Ten Fourth Team
• Senior Bowl Invitee

OL Jack Susnjar
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

DE Solomon Tuliaupupu
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

TE CJ Woods
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

Josiah Zamora
•All-Big Ten Fall Academic Team

2025 SCHEDULE

	8/30	**MISSOURI STATE**	LOS ANGELES, CA.
	9/06	**GEORGIA SOUTHERN**	LOS ANGELES, CA.
	9/13	at **PURDUE**	WEST LAFAYETTE, IN.
	9/20	**MICHIGAN STATE**	LOS ANGELES, CA.
	9/27	at **ILLINOIS**	CHAMPAIGN, IL
bye week			
	10/11	**MICHIGAN**	LOS ANGELES, CA.
	10/18	at **NOTRE DAME**	SOUTH BEND, IN.
bye week			
	11/01	at **NEBRASKA**	LINCOLN, NE.
	11/08	**NORTHWESTERN**	LOS ANGELES, CA.
	11/15	**IOWA**	LOS ANGELES, CA.
	11/22	at **OREGON**	EUGENE, OR.
	11/29	**UCLA**	LOS ANGELES, CA.

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